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Wavell On Mission To London

Indian Constitutional Issues And Jap War Developments Will Loom Large In Whitehall Parleys

(From Our Correspondent)

NEW DELHI, February 7.

Lobby talks indicate the possibility of Viscount Wavell proceeding to London on a consultative mission, soon after the Assembly session is over. Viscount Wavell has been the Viceroy of India for nearly 18 months The forthcoming anti-Japanese campaign, post-war developments and the constitutional issues are some of the important problems which His Excellency would like to discuss with the Whitehall authorities.

It is also certain that Sir Jeremy Raisman after handing over Finance Membership to Sir Archibald Rowlands would be placed on special duty in connection with discussions relating to Sterling balances and the settlement of Indo-British defence expenditure. Sir Jeremy will be accompanied by a small delegation drawn from leading non-officials. It is likely that the Viceroy's visit to London may coincide with Raisman's mission to London.

Labour Must Implement Resolution On India

(From Our Correspondent)

LONDON, Feb. 7.

The Administrative Committee of the Parliamentary Labour Party is meeting to-day to discuss a proposal to send a joint deputation of Labour Party Executive and Administrative Committee to the Premier to urge him and the War Cabinet to release political prisoners in India immediately. this has been disclosed by Prof. Harold Laski, Vice-Chairman of the Labour Party when he addressed yesterday afternoon in the Commons Committee Room a joint meeting of the India League Executive and its Parliamentary Committee.

The chair was taken by Mr. William Dobbie, M. P., who is chairman of the India League.

INSULT TO ENGLISHMEN

In the course of his speech, Prof. Laski criticised Labour M. P.'s for their failure to take a firm stand in the Commons on the question of India. He said, there were several veterans in the labour ranks in Commons who ought to have kicked up a big row on the Indian issue because he added, "It is an insult to Englishmen to see so many Indians rotting in jail without trial, without any opportunity to defend themselves."

He felt, a joint deputation of the Labour Party and Administrative Committee should see the Premier at an early date to tell him, where he gets off, in very strong terms—they should not spare him even if they have to annoy him.

IMPLEMENT THAT RESOLUTION

There are three Labour Ministers in the War Cabinet, three outside the War Cabinet and additionally several Labour Secretaries said Under-

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Katju Serves Notice On U. P. Officials For Alleged Wrongful Actions

ALLAHABAD, Feb. 7: Dr. K. N. Katju, ex-Minister for Law and Justice, U. P. Government, has served a legal notice through the U. P. Government upon a Naib-Tehsildar, a Naib-Nazir and two peons from Daranagar, Pargana Kara, Tehsil Chail, District Allahabad, for their alleged act of wrongfully confining, extorting money and using force against a person named Sarju Prasad of the same place in connection with the campaign of collection during the Savings Fortnight.

Dr. Katju stipulates that unless the alleged offenders tender a public apology for their conduct and pay Rs. 200 to a charity, to be named by the aggrieved persons, in token of their repentance and damage for all the wrongs done, a suit shall be instituted against them for Rs. 5,100 as damages.

ENTHUSIASM RUN AMUCK!

The facts alleged in the course of the notice are that on January 16, 1945, Sarju Prasad was called by the Naib-Tehsildar who demanded a sum of Rs. 50 as his contribution towards the Defence Savings. On Sarju Prasad's expressing inability to pay more than what he had already paid, he was tied by the two peons and the Naib-Nazir, at the orders of the Naib-Tehsildar, with a rope, fastened to a door nail. Later the peons, it is alleged, dealt two shoe blows on him. Ultimately, the Naib-Tehsildar fixed the contribution at Rs. 15 which Sarju Prasad agreed to pay.

Dr. Katju adds in the course of the notice that all these acts were wholly unlawful and wrongful, and the officials have humiliated and defamed Sarju Prasad and caused him mental pain for which they are liable to pay him damage.

It is learnt Dr. Katju has also addressed a letter to the District Magistrate, Allahabad, on the subject.—A. P.

RESTRICTIONS ON DRILLS AND MARCHES

C. P. Govt. Letters Read Over To Gandhiji

NAGPUR, Feb. 7: Information has been received from Sewagram that the district authorities in Wardha have addressed letters to several persons connected with Sevagram institutions drawing their attention to the special gazette notifications of the C. P. Government and of the Government of India regarding restrictions on drills, demonstrations, marches etc. resembling those of the military.

It is understood Kanu Gandhi, organiser of the Village Workers' camp and Mr. Ramachandran of the Hindustani Talimi Sangha and manager of the Khadi Vidyalaya have received these letters. These letters have been read over to Mahatma Gandhi.—A. P.

PIERLOT GOVT. TO RESIGN

BRUSSELS, Feb. 7: The Belgian Prime Minister, M. Pierlot, announced in the Chamber to-day, after a short debate, that he was going straight to the Prince Regent to hand in the Cabinet's resignation.

ECHO OF CITY COFFEE CLUB BOMB CASE

SURAT, Feb. 7.

It is learnt that the period of detention of Patel Chhaganlal Durlabhbhai of Bulsar has been extended by six months under the Detention Ordinance.

It will be recalled that he was one of the accused in the Bombay Coffee Club Bomb Case of 1942 and was acquitted but detained under the D. I. R.—United Press.

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Secretaries. These men, Prof. Laski felt, must give effect to the last Labour Party resolution on India which he pointed out has been carried out despite opposition from the National Executive. These men, Prof Laski said, are considering the advisability of dissociating themselves from Government's policy on India because they are bound by party resolution. They have no any alternative. If need be, they must have the courage of conviction to resign from Government to make a big rumpus in the country which will be behind them and not behind Mr. Churchill on the question of India.

Those present at yesterday's meeting included Mr. Reginald Sorensen M. P., Mr. Alexander Sloane, M. P., Ness Edwards, M. P., Miss Bhicoo Batliwala, Mr. Reginald Bridgeman, Doctor C. L. Katial, Doctor P. C. Bhandari, Doctor K. S. Shelvankar and Mr. V. K. Krishna Menon.

LATEST COMMERCIAL

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Pyritz Changes Hands Twice

German Resistance On Oder Front Proves Futile

LONDON Feb. 7: The German Radio today (Wednesday) stated that Dr. Goebbels in his capacity of the Reich Defence Commissioner for Berlin is organising the defence of the German capital.

Denying allied reports that high-ranking officials had left Berlin, the Radio added "No member of the Reich Government has the faintest intention of deserting the capital."

The German Overseas News Agency quotes a Berlin military spokesman as saying the Red Army has reached Pyritz 22 miles from Stettin. Pyritz has changed hands twice in the last 24 hours, according to the spokesman and is at present in German hands.

The German Overseas News Agency today quoted a Berlin Military spokesman as saying that "On the Oder front the Russians had widened their bridgehead north of Ratibor and in Brieg and Oestrin areas, in spite of the stubborn German resistance."

Fighting In Central Oder Sector

The Moscow radio reported late last night that Russian forces are now within 37 miles of Berlin. In three days' fighting, the Russians have advanced up to 12 miles, and have extended their bridgehead over the Oder along a front of 50 miles.

The German News Agency Military Correspondent, Colonel Ernst von Hammer said to-day (Wednesday) that fighting has flared up on a big scale on the Central Oder (facing Berlin). "Russian infantry has moved up in large numbers" he added. "Fresh Soviet tank formations have arrived on this sector. The Soviet Command has also switched mobile batteries to Marshal Zhukov's front. German defence armies, poised for a battle against Marshal Zhukov are now waiting to be put to a test."

'River Of Destiny' Turns Tide

The Red Army used improvised rafts with which to force the unfrozen Oder south-east of Breslau—where the river is 500 metres wide—it is revealed in the supplement to to-nights Soviet 'communique' which stresses "the enormous difficulties" of the operations.

The Germans had built "long term defences" along the western bank of the Oder, and had concentrated large forces there, the supplement added. After building up the initial bridgeheads, Soviet sappers constructed the crossings over which the main forces, infantry tanks and artillery poured to the western bank and smashed the German defences. The Red Army took Ohlau after driving on from the south and north, and then joined up at Brieg with other forces who had moved north-west from the bridgehead in the Oppeln area. The combined force then moved south-west to Grottkau.

From Reuter's Special Correspondent in Moscow (Wednesday). The Oder Line, "Germany's river of destiny", has now been turned. Marshal Koniev had already begun to move towards the encirclement of Breslau, to the south-east of which he has established a fifty-mile wide bridgehead across the Oder. It is probable, in view of the size and importance of the city, that he will prefer to reduce the garrison completely, instead of resorting to by-passing tactics.

Although heavy fighting is likely to continue along the banks of the Oder for some time, this last water barrier guarding vital areas of the eastern Reich has now to all intents and purposes joined the long list of other similar walls breached by the Red Army's determination and weight of tanks and guns.

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"BIG THREE" MEETING AND JAP FEARS

(From Our Correspondent.)

LONDON, Feb. 7.

Japanese are expecting Marshal Stalin to inform Messrs. Churchill and Roosevelt that Russia is joining in the fight against Japan according to Tokio report relayed by Chungking.

The report expresses fears that the "big three" conference will be of utmost gravity for Japan.

Diplomatic circles in Tokio are believing that Stalin is giving an assurance to Messrs. Churchill and Roosevelt that he will throw in at least a part of the Red Army into the war against Japan.

Japanese people are said to be waiting for the results of the "Big Three" conference in great suspense.

GENERAL MACARTHUR IN MANILA

MANILA, Web. 7: General MacArthur, Commander-in-Chief of South-West Pacific, arrived in Manila to-day (Wednesday). He drove with an armoured escort through the ruined streets of the northern part of the city.—Reuter.

Congress And Communists

Gandhiji May Clarify Position

WARDHA, Feb. 7.

A clarification in regard to the attitude of the Congressmen towards the Communists is likely to be made by Mahatma Gandhi shortly.

It is stated that representations have been made by many Congressmen all over the country to the Mahatma in connection with the activities of the Indian Communists and the attitude taken by the various Congress Committees and his guidance has been sought.

It is understood Gandhiji is at present studying the Communists literature and may make a statement in this connection in the near future.

Swami Ramanand Thirth met him yesterday and discussed this issue and also acquainted him with the different views of the Congress leaders like Mrs. Sarojini Naidu, Mr. S. K. Patil, Mr. Purushottamdas Tandon, Mr. Sampurnanand and others.

Mrs. Naidu is expected here in a day or two.—United Press.

Gandhiji On Sind Ban

SURAT, Feb. 7.

Mahatma Gandhi believes that the original of Satyartha Prakash should be revised by reformist Arya Samajists and comments objectionable to other religions should be removed. This is contained in a letter from Mr. Narhari Parekh, Mahatma Gandhi's Secretary to the "Gujerat-Mitra," a local Gujerati daily But appeals to the Government to lift the ban for facilitating the remarks of book.

Though Mahatma Gandhi holds such a view regarding some parts of the Satyartha Prakash, the ban of the Sind Government on the 14th chapter of the book in his opinion interferes with the religious rights of the people and as such is improper. But the Sind Government's ban will hamper the work of any such reformist and as such should be withdrawn."

The Sind Government's ban Mahatma Gandhi feels will hamper the work of revising Satyartha Prakash.—A. P.

GANDHIJI NEEDS MORE REST

No Cause For Any Anxiety

WARDHA, Feb. 7.

Mahatma Gandhi needs more rest and the silence he is presently observing during day is likely to be continued, it is learnt. There is, however, no cause for any anxiety.

Professor Kumarappa, Secretary of the All-India Village Industries' Association will meet Mahatma Gandhi to-morrow night to discuss the new book he completed while in detention, namely the preachings and precepts of Lord Jesus and request Mahatma Gandhi to write the foreword to the book.—A. P.

Brelvi Progressing Satisfactorily

CALCUTTA, Feb. 7.

Mr. S. A. Brelvi, President of the All-India Newspaper Editors' Conference, is progressing satisfactorily. He expects to leave for Bombay towards the end of next week.—United Press.

C.-In-C. In Bombay

BOMBAY, Feb. 7.

Immediately after his arrival by air from Delhi the Commander-in-Chief in India, General Sir Claude Auchinleck spent four hours going round a transit camp near Bombay and did not finish his round of visits till after 7 P.M.—A. P.

MAURITIUS INDIANS' APPEAL FOR RELIEF

(From Our Correspondent.)

PORT LOUIS, MAURITIUS, Feb. 6.

Two violent cyclones visited Mauritius during the last fortnight causing several casualties. Thousands of homeless Indian farmers and labourers are in utter distress. Food situation is very grave. Relief funds are badly needed and Indian Government must help relief operations by permitting the export of foodstuffs.

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AGA KHAN FOR INDIA

ZURICH Feb. 7.

The Aga Khan has left for India via Marseilles.—Reuter.

Shafaat Ahmed Khan For Delhi

NEW DELHI, Feb. 7.

The United Press learns that Sir Shafaat Ahmad Khan, retiring High Commissioner for India in South Africa, is reaching New Delhi this week. It is learnt that Sir Shafaat will take the first opportunity to acquaint the Commonwealth Relations Department with the latest position with regard to the vexed Indian question in South Africa.—United Press.

JAP AIRCRAFT OVER EASTERN BENGAL

Single 'Plane Drops Two Bombs And Strafes With Cannon Fire

NEW DELHI, February 7: A Communique issued by the India Command says:

"In the early hours of Wednesday morning February 7 a single enemy aircraft dropped two bombs over Eastern Bengal and strafed with cannon fire."

There were no casualties and material damage was slight."—A. P.

Bihar Govt. To Climb Down Rather Than Force Crisis?

(From Our Correspondent)

PATNA, February 7.

The home internment order against Bihar Constructive Workers' Advisory Committee members may well be cancelled shortly if bureaucratic prestige does not stand in the way. It is learnt reliably that Bihar Governor has intimated Anugrah Babu his willingness to meet him the latter so desires at Patna on February 13 when the Governor returns from his present North Bihar tour.

The Govt order created an anomalous situation. It is not clear whether it applies to constructive work itself or to home internment order against five members of the Parishad because constructive work was, according to Government 'communique' "calculated to prepare the ground for another movement, to subvert Government."

Now, if Government contention has any logic behind it, why constructive work itself may not be banned and others prevented from preparing the ground for another movement?

It is understood, this grave implication has attracted Government notice and they may be reluctant to follow their order to its logical conclusion, because it would surely raise a grave All-India issue amounting to declaration of new war against Congress and New Delhi may not be prepared to oblige Bihar bureaucracy.

At this gravest war crisis, this pertinent issue, it is reported was raised by Anugrah Babu at his recent interview with Home Adviser who has referred the matter to the Governor who has been supplied with a copy of Mahatma's 14 points of the Constructive Programme.

It may be recalled, under instruction from Mahatma, Anugraha Babu wired to Government from Nagpur seeking clarification whether Bihar Government order affected constructive work itself and also expressing a desire to interview Governor to explain certain evident Government misunderstanding of the whole situation regarding constructive work in the province.

It is understood, Government will shortly clarify the attitude towards the pertinent issue raised by Anugrah Babu and the crisis may thus happily be resolved. The order against Anugrah Babu has been stayed till the Governor's decision.

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U. S. A. Brings South Africa To Book

Attempt To Monopolise Trade In Gems

LONDON, Feb. 7.

The Swaraj House has organised a public meeting and demonstration to be held on February 11 to demand racial equality for Indians in South Africa. The well-known authority on Indians overseas, Dr. N. Gangulee will preside. The meeting is supported by Dr. C. A. Smith of the Common Wealth Party and Mr. Fenner Brookway and Mr. Kumria of the Independent Party.

While the White South African Race Lords continue to pass legislation which is tantamount to persecution of Indians and Africans, the Government of South Africa is being brought to book by the Government of the United States for "conspiring to restrain and monopolise the foreign trade of America in gems and industrial diamonds in violation of Anti-Trust Act", writes the United Press of India correspondent.

State Also To Blame

Nine South African diamond companies including De Beers Consolidated Mines, Ltd., the Diamond Trading Company, Ltd., all of Kimberley, are being "pilloried" by the United States Government. The "Diamond Fields Advertiser", a leading journal among gem traders, commenting on the United States charge says that the South African Government must systematically be included as a joint partner in the control system.

The journal says: "The interests of the State are pecuniary as it is a part-owner of a premier mine near Pretoria and is in full control of the deposits of Namaqualand, Cape Colony.

"Therefore, whatever may be charged against private producers must automatically be charged against the Union Government. This at once makes the case one of national and international significances. South Africa's war record as well as diamond industry's, should have guaranteed the latter against being pilloried by Allied country not only during the war but forever after".—United Press of India.

Indians 'Stateless People' In South Africa

Zafrullah Delegation To Raise Issue In Commonwealth's Relations Conference

LONDON, Jan. 7: Sir Zafrullah Khan, Leader of the Indian Delegation to the Commonwealth's Relations Conference opening in London on February 17 is to make strong representations to the Conference on the position of Indians Overseas, with particular reference to the treatment of the considerable number of Indians living in South Africa. "Indians in South Africa are almost in the position of being a stateless people," Sir Zafrullah told Reuter today. "They cannot vote. They have to live in defined residential areas. They can hold property only on a restricted basis. Their children cannot attend normal South African schools, and they are not admitted as citizens in South Africa, although many of the families have been settled there for generations.

Among the eighteen papers which India has tabled for information of the Commonwealth Delegations to the Conference is an anonymous one on 'Indians Overseas'. This will give us an opportunity to bring the whole subject up both in the conference and with the South African delegates in friendly informal discussions between the sessions.

Sir Zafrullah who celebrated his fifty-second birthday quietly in London yesterday added: "In addition to the question of Indians Overseas, the Indian Delegation is concerned over matters of South-East Asia and its defences, India's political aspirations and relations existing between India and China. These will all be dealt with as fully as possible."

It is expected that they will cause considerable discussion. Other questions which come before the Conference, Sir Zafrullah said, are organisation of Post-War security as it affects the Dominions and India and strategical and economic questions in the same sphere. Full details of the Agenda have not yet been finished. A provisional agenda was drawn up in New York in 1944 to give intending delegates a broad outline of the questions to be considered. However, the Committee of the Conference is now sitting to fix final details of the agenda. "The conference is neither a Government nor an official one," Sir Zafrullah said. "It is purely educative in function. The Delegates thrash out questions most affecting their own particular countries, in relation to Britain and the Dominions and India. The conference then issues its report on the discussions for instruction and enlightenment of those concerned. "Members of the Indian Delegation represent a very accurate cross section of Indian informed opinion. They are well qualified to deal with and to speak on various matters affecting India." Other members of the Indian Delegation are Sir B. P. Singh Roy, ex-minister of Bengal, Sir Buta Singh, Member of the Council of State, Dr. K. M. Pannikar Prime Minister of Bikanir State, Mir Maqbool Mahmoud, Secretary of the Chamber of Princes, Rao Bahadur N. Sivaraj, Member of the Legislative Assembly, Mr. N. C. Mehta, Indian Civil Service retired, expert on Agricultural research and commerce, Mr. A. K. Pillai Indian Delegate to the Trade Union Council and Mr. Sarwar Hasan, Secretary to the Indian Institute and Secretary of the Delegation.—Reuter.

Future Of Indians In Uganda

LONDON, Feb. 6: Sir Charles Dundas, former Governor of Uganda speaking in Capetown said, he thought the future of the Indian community in Uganda was precarious because of the constant encroachment of Africans on their principal activities, such a trade, artisanship and clerical work.

Despite this trend there was no racial rivalry in the protectorate. The Indian community, majority of whom were East African born, Totalled about 26,000.—Reuter.

STUDY OF THE UPPER AIR

Radio Instrument Developed In India

Two types of a remarkable radio instrument, called the Radio-sounde, have been developed by the Indian Meteorological Department. This instrument ferrets out the secrets of the upper air, knowledge of which is essential for the work of the modern meteorologist.

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These instruments ordinarily give soundings of the air up to a height of 8 to 10 miles. On some occasions they reach considerable height. The instrument developed in the office at Delhi reached on one occasion a height of about 18 miles.

PROPOSED BANKING LEGISLATION

Is It To Be Consolidating Measure?

BOMBAY, Feb. 7.

In the course of a memorandum on the proposed Banking Legislation, some of the banks in Bombay question the very claim that the bill is to be a consolidating measure. They point out that the bill leaves out several types of banks doing very important banking business and covering a much larger area of the country than the modern type of incorporated bank. Co-operative societies, for example, are expressly excluded and no mention is made of postal savings banks. Indigenous shroffs are also automatically excluded.

The memorandum opines that the Bill does not seem to appreciate the prospects of planned development in the country now officially accepted by the Government and urged by all sections of the community and stresses the need for all banking interests to respond to the widening urge of development of industry.

The bill also provides no links with the indigenous type of bankers.—A. P.

Symphony Orchestra's International Concert

Under the auspices of the International Cultural Functions sponsored by the Rotary, the Bombay Symphony Orchestra gave a fairly representative concert of international western music on Wednesday evening at the C. J. Hall.

The first half of the programme brought out the warmer Latin temperament with Massenet's "Phedre Overture", the orchestra giving an excellent rendering of the passages full of feeling and dramatic passion; Gossec's Symphony in "D" proved a good representative of the early Belgian school, though rather slight in theme and regular in pattern; Van Anrooie's "Piet Hein" Rhapsody introduced lighter Dutch folklore music.

Seek's "Serenade for Strings" gave the exquisite Czech melody and rhythm and was one of the most delightful items on the programme where the ensemble of the strings was perfect. Russia was represented by Borodin's "On the Steppes of Central Asia" a combination of oriental romance and Teutonic austerity; After Elgar's "Elegy" representing Great Britain, Grieg's "Huldigungsmarsch" brought the programme to a conclusion; the bass showed considerable improvement in the last number. The difficulty of securing music in these abnormal times affected the usual high quality of the programme, as the best that was available had to be included to make it representative of different nations.

Import Of Musical Instruments

On a representation made by dealers in imported musical instruments that the addition to landed cost allowed by normal trade practice in force on 31st August 1939 exceeded 20 per cent thereof, the Controller General of Civil Supplies has sanctioned a profit margin of 100 per cent over landed cost in respect of all complete musical instruments and of 150 per cent over landed cost in respect of spare parts of musical instruments.

The Provincial Government has invited applications from graduates in the Central Provinces and Berar for studies in various branches of technology in the United Kingdom, United States of America and certain British Dominions, as a part of the scheme of the Government of India. Thirty students from the C. P. will be selected for training at Government expense.

MALTESE FOR AUSTRALIA

Emigration Agreement Reached

MALTA, Feb. 7: An agreement regarding emigration from Malta has been reached with Australia and is being sought with other Dominions said the Governor Lt.-Gen. Sir Edmund Schreiber.

CONSTABLE GETS KENDALL HUMANITY MEDAL

Madras, Feb. 6: For an act of courage at great personal risk in rescuing ten people and three children from a marooned house between two arms of a swift current stream Kuppuswami Nayudu a police constable of Vellore was awarded today "Kendall Humanity Medal" by the Governor of Madras in the annual police parade.—A. P.

Prof. Agarwal's Replies To Sapru

(From Our Correspondent.)

WARDHA, Feb. 5.

Principal S. N. Agarwal, Commerce College, Wardha, in the course of his replies to the Questionnaire issued by the Conciliation Committee of Sir T. B. Sapru, observes:

"The very basis of the demand for Pakistan is unreasonable and illogical. To claim that the Muslims are a separate nation is to defy all canons of sociological science. A different religion cannot lead to the creation of a separate nation; the very idea is fantastic. At a time when small Balkanized and so-called sovereign States are crumbling to pieces before the insolent might of powerful Empires, it is not only unstatesmanlike but calamitous to demand for the creation of separate independent States in this country.

We can quite understand the anxiety of the Muslims for securing adequate minority rights. Nobody denies them the legitimate rights based on well-known international conventions. But the Pakistan demand, which yet remains a vague and nebulous conception capable of engulfing, perhaps, even the whole of India, appears to me to be a technique the object of which is not to solve the communal problem but to make the resolution of the political deadlock a sheer impossibility. The creation of Pakistan and Hindustan will only insure the baneful existence of the alien masters and thus perpetuate the slavery for the toiling millions of India.

I have no manner of doubt that the future constitution of India must be a federal one, of course, with the greatest autonomy to the federating units. The important subjects like Defence, Currency, Transport and Communications, Economic Planning and External Trade should be Central; the rest can be Provincial. Such a constitution will make for a strong united India with the legitimate protection of the minorities. The creation of independent sovereign States will spell national ruin and disaster."

Students Advised To Give Up Communalism

LUCKNOW, Feb. 7.

Dr. Jawaharlal Rohatgi M.L.A., inaugurating the Lucknow Christian College Parliament, appealed to the students to abjure communalism from their thoughts and actions. "Communal animosities", he added, "have hit the country at its root."

Dr. Rohatgi hoped Indian students would play their part in shaping the future of their motherland like their counterparts in China and other countries. The speaker warned the students not to take part in politics without a mature make-up for it. He thought that they should take a living interest in what was happening all round the world.—A. P.

It is understood that His Highness the Prince of Berar will visit Amraoti on March 6 to inaugurate the Prince of Berar Hostel of the Shree Shivaji Maratha High School. His Highness will also visit Akola and Khamgaon.

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B. B. & C. I.'S WAR-TIME CHANGES AND IMPROVEMENTS

Coal Situation Will Improve In Three To Nine Months, Says G. M.

The B.B. and C.I. Railway has, in recent months, opened a wireless telegraphy branch. Employing some 30 to 40 technical personnel at present, this branch is likely to expand greatly in the near future.

This was one of the items of interesting information regarding the war-time changes and improvements in the Electrical and Stores Department of the railway, given at the monthly Press Conference by Dr. Nichols, General Manager of the Railway, on Wednesday.

It was stated that the loads carried by Railway Power Houses supplying electrical energy to railway workshops, vital to the war effort, increased during 1943-44 by 81 per cent above demands in 1939 rising from 4,111,239 units to 7,460,120 units. The Electrical Department played an important part in manufacturing and reconditioning from scrap articles no longer obtainable from other sources. Expansion of electric installations had gone forward during the last five years and a considerable number of new installations, including 41 pumping-sets had been connected.

USEFUL IN TIMES OF BREAK-DOWN.

Among other things, technical improvements had been carried out which would permit B.B. and C.I. electric stock to run into G.I.P. suburban stations and *vice versa*. Although this cannot now be used for relieving traffic congestion, it would be of use in case of breakdown or disorganisation of service.

The Stores Department which handles 40,000 different articles also had a big job to tackle. While in 1939 material and stores of the value of Rs. 86 lakhs had been utilised, the figure rose to Rs. 190 lakhs in 1943-44. The Department had also put in considerable work in the salvage and reconditioning of scrap metal. Some of this work might profitably continued after the war.

COAL SITUATION.

Dr. Nichols stated that the coal situation was still bad. He recalled how a crisis had been reached in the textile mills of Ahmedabad only a few days ago. Their deficiency was being made up. He could not hazard when the situation would ease.

But he offered it as his personal opinion that things would improve in about three to nine months.

WE HAVE MUCH TO LEARN FROM RUSSIA

Radhakrishnan Commends Soviet Example

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

"This signal achievements of the U.S.S.R. in this war are evidence of its technical efficiency and patriotic enthusiasm. We in India have much to learn from Soviet Russia and its achievements in the Asiatic part of the union", says Sir S. Radhakrishnan, vice-Chancellor of Benares Hindu University, in a foreword to a book entitled "Soviet Russia—The Power Behind U.S.S.R." by Mr. K. S. Hirlekar.

Sir S. Radhakrishnan adds "poverty, illiteracy, disease, are not an essential and unavoidable part of life. They could be swept away if we had the drive and determination. The Soviet Union demonstrates what can be done in these matters. It shows that the great social ideals can be realised, if we have the will and energy".

Commending Mr. Hirlekar's book as a valuable guide to understanding the Soviet Political and constitutional Organisation, Sir S. Radhakrishnan further observes: "Soviet Russia has been steadily shedding its earlier extravagances and taking a constructive democratic line. The sanctity of the human individual and the values of the spirit are asserting themselves. The re-introduction in Soviet schools of the pre-revolutionary Russian history, the disbanding of the Commintern, the appreciation of the role of the orthodox church in Russian history and Russia's entente with the Western Powers are indications that Russia is developing into a social democracy, where the essential liberties of the individuals are observed".—A. P.

CLAIM FOR JOINT PROPERTY

No Bar Of 'Res Judicata'

(Before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Coyajee).

Hilla Maneckshah Panthaky...Applicant.
vs.
Maneckshah Darasha Panthaky .....Respondent.

The applicant had filed a suit for judicial separation against the respondent in which she had claimed a half share in property presented to them at the time of marriage which she claimed belonged to them jointly and was in her husband's possession. In that suit no order was made with regard to this property. The applicant filed the present suit for divorce after three years had elapsed from the decree for judicial separation. In this suit she once again claimed a half share in the property presented at the time of marriage and made the present application to divide it. Two preliminary objections were taken to this application, first that it was barred as res judicata, and secondly that it was barred by limitation under Art. 49 of the Limitation Act.

Rejecting these objections, His Lordship stated that this property was joint and neither side could claim any specific part as his or her own. His Lordship observed that it was a well-settled principle that where there was a claim in respect of joint property or property held by coparceners or even by tenants-in-common, the right to a division of such property could be exercised at any time and there was no bar of res judicata. His Lordship further held that as the applicant did not seek to recover any specific property. Art 49 had no application. His Lordship then fixed a date for proceeding with the application.

Mr. M. L. Maneckshaw and Mr. K. B. Bharucha instructed by Messrs. Gagat & Co. appeared for the applicant. Mr. J. C. Forbes with Mr. Pochaji Jamshedji appeared for the respondent.

KHED TALUKA MADE REVENUE SUB-DIVISION

RATNAGIRI, Feb. 6.

As Khed is one of the best recruiting Talukas, Government of Bombay has selected it in Ratnagiri District for post-war reconstruction planning and has directed that it should be constituted as a Revenue sub-Division, Mr. S. S. Bodas, a District Deputy Collector has been appointed a Prant Officer on special duty for the Khed Taluka and he has taken over charge of his new post.

Recently Sir H. F. Knight, Adviser to the Governor of Bombay visited this Taluka in company with the Director of Agriculture, Bombay Province, Land Development Officers (North and South), Executive Engineer, Road Projects the Collector etc. and had discussions with them as also with non-Officials including the President and vice-President of the Khed Municipality regarding the post-war reconstruction plans.

It is learnt that steps are being taken to effect improvements to existing roads and to construct new roads and to provide foot bridges across all streams etc., that are rendered unformidable during the rains.

Activities of the Co-operative Department by starting sale and purchase Co-operative Societies, those of the agricultural department for improved seed, manures and scientific methods, construction of chaudis, dispensaries, soldier' club etc. in important rural centres of the Taluka development of industries and introduction of free and compulsory education are—it is understood, included in these plans.—A. P.

NEW DELHI, Feb. 6: A Press Note says that the Government have decided to permit import from the United Kingdom of certain number of light motor cycles for sale under Government control to essential services.—United Press.

CITY AND SUBURBS

To-day

Hindu: Magh Vad 11, 2001.
Muslim: Safar 24, 1364.
Parsi: Shehrever 8, 1314.
Sunrise: 8-11 a.m. Sunset 7-36 p.m.
Hightide: 8-04, 22-44.
Lowtide: 3-03, 15-12.
Corporation Meeting, at 2 p.m. (B. T.).

Domestic Occurrence

DEATH.

NADKARNI—Mrs. Girijabai, wife of the late Ramchandra Deorao Nadkarni and sister of Rao Bahadur S. S. Talmaki, expired at her residence, Saraswat Buildings, Gamdevi, Bombay, on 6th February, at 4-30 p.m. Age 70 years. She passed away peacefully.

To-day's Engagements

SILVERFISH: Dr. S. M. Ali will speak on 'G. B. Shaw's Black Woman in Search of God' to-day (Thursday), 8th instant, at 6-15 p.m.

UNITED LODGE OF THEOSOPHISTS: Beginners' Class for Ladies only. Jehangir Wadia Building, Flora Fountain, to-day (Thursday), 5-0 p.m.

CLASSICAL DANCE RECITALS. Under the patronage of Mr. and Mrs. K. M. Munshi, Sjt. Gopinath and party will give a dance recital to-day, at 6-45 p.m., at Sunderbai Hall.

ALL-INDIA MANUFACTURERS' ORGANISATION: Sir M. Visvesvaraya, has been re-elected unanimously as President of the All-India Manufacturers' Organisation for the year 1945.

THE PROGRESSIVE GROUP: Members and their guests are invited to a meeting at Green's to-day (Thursday), at 6-30 p.m., when Mr. Israel Epstein, well-known American Journalist will speak on "The Situation in China".

BENARES HINDU UNIVERSITY OLD STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION, BOMBAY: The Annual General Body Meeting will be held on Sunday, the 18th instant, at 10 a.m., in the King George High School, Nappoo Road, Dadar G. I. P. Rly.

MRS. SAROJINI NAIDU.

Mrs. Sarojini Naidu left for Hyderabad (Deccan) on Wednesday. After a short stay in Hyderabad, she will leave for Wardha.

JT. FINANCIAL ADVISER FOR CIVIL SUPPLIES.

BOMBAY, Wednesday: The Government of India have sanctioned the post of a Joint Financial Adviser for Civil Supplies at Bombay. Mr. R. C. Khanna, at present Joint Financial Adviser to the Textile Commissioner, has been nominated to hold that post in addition to his present duties.—A. P.

CITY'S HEALTH RETURNS: The health returns of Bombay during the week ended 3rd February 1945, were as under:—

The mortality 691 was 18 less than that for the last week and the death-rate registered was 24.1 on the census population of 1941 and compares favourably with that for the 5th week of 1944 viz. 806 deaths and 28.1 the death-rate. The present population is about 23,00,000 and if the death-rate is calculated on the actual population it will be 15.6. The average mortality for the corresponding week during the preceding quinquennium was 624 and the death-rate 22.8. Out of the total deaths 153 were among infants under 1 year of age.

PILGRIMAGE TO ST. THOMAS CHURCH, BASSEIN.

The Konkani Catechism Class, Mahim, organised a pilgrimage to St. Thomas Church, Akton, Bassein, on Sunday last. About 60 heads accompanied by Rev. Fr. Tascano of St. Michael's Church, Mahim, participated in the pilgrimage. Rev. Fr. D'Lima and Rev. Fr. Vaz of St. Thomas Church, Akton, extended a warm welcome to the party.

The Mass for the pilgrims was said by Rev. Fr. Tascano, at 9 a.m. and the singing was conducted by Mr. Mendonca.

TO-DAY ON RADIO

BOMBAY—1

THURSDAY, Feb. 8.

244 m (1,231 kc/s) 8-0 a.m. News (H) 8-15 News (E) 8-30 R N Paradkar 8-45 Bhajan 8-50 News (M) 9-0 News (G) 9-10 Tomorrow 9-15 Kalyani 9-30 Bhavgeet 9-45 V V Upponi 12-30 p.m. Geet 12-45 News (M) 12-50 News (G) 12-55 News (H) 1-0 Film Music 1-30 News (E) 1-40 Lunch-Hour Music (E) 4-30 School Broadcast 5-0 Uddhottar Kamdhanda 5-15 Narhar G Ghangrekar 5-30 V V Upponi 5-45 Topical Talk 5-55 Locals 6-0 Children's Half-Hour (H) 6-30 News (E) 6-40 News (H) 6-45 Commentary (M) 6-50 Film Music 7-0 Post-War Reconstruction (G) 7-15 Manikrao Thakurdas 7-40 Kalyani 7-55 Narhar G Ghangrekar 8-15 News (M) 8-30 News (G) 8-45 R N Paradkar 9-0 News (H) 9-20 News (E) 9-30 B B C News Relay 9-45 The Pacific Theatre (E) 10-0 Norman Greenwood 10-15 Noreen Boult (Soprano) 10-25 Band of H M Cold-Stream Guards 10-45 Emmi Marcus.

LIFE INSURANCE COMMISSION

Oriental General Manager Against Govt. Proposal For Reduction

BOMBAY, Wednesday: Commenting on the proposal which Mr. L. S. Vaidyanathan, Superintendent of Insurance Government of India discussed with the insurance companies in the Punjab to restrict the overall expenditure of insurance companies, Mr. H. E. Jones, General Manager, Oriental Government Security Life Assurance and President of the Bombay Life Insurance Companies Association says: "In the absence of the report of the Select Committee and the objects and reasons, which led the Select Committee to incorporate in their recommendations the amendment of Section 40 of the Insurance Act, I am most emphatically of the opinion that whatever may be the reasons for the proposed reduction in the rates of commission payable to the licensed agents of Life Assurance Companies and the limitation of overall expenses of Life Assurance Companies this additional Government interference in the management of Life Assurance Companies is unwarranted and unpractical and the proposals for the limitation of expenses are impracticable of operation in a manner which would be fair and equitable to all Life Assurance Companies, taking into account the differing circumstances of each and every company including their ability to meet the expenses which they are incurring from the proportion of their premium income provided in the calculation of their premiums for this purpose.

The rigid application of such a scheme would be impossible in times of severe slumps in new business — production following upon booms as I can state from the experience of my own Company.

HOLD IT OVER FOR DURATION OF WAR

"I consider that the proposal to reduce the commission to licensed agents is not only unwarranted but also most inopportune in view of the present high cost of living and whatever may be the merits of the proposal to limit the overall expenses of Life Assurance Companies in this manner, although I personally see none whatever, this is an inopportune moment to attempt this also in view of the present high cost of materials and labour which a Life Assurance Company has to incur to carry on its business under existing conditions. Such proposals could better be kept in abeyance until after the war and until life assurance interests from which I do not exclude licensed agents have had a sufficiently long time to consider the proposals and place their considered opinions with reasons therefore before Government."

Governor At Home To Poppy Day Workers

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

His Excellency Sir John Colville, Governor of Bombay, was at home to-day to members of the November 11th Poppy Fund appeal committee who had been responsible for collecting Rs. 2,20,000.

His Excellency thanked Lady Mody and the rest of her committee on "The splendid success which had attended their work". The two cheques which were handed over to His Excellency would be donated to the Bombay Provincial Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen Benevolent Fund and to the Bombay branch of the ex-Services Association Fund.

Bombay Cloth Hawkers' New Scheme

A meeting of the Bombay Cloth Hawkers' Association was held at Umer-Hall, Ali Umer Street on Monday, Dr. G. R. Shaikh presided.

The Secretary of the association announced that, the Textile Controller has promised to release certain quantity of cloth for hawkers, provided a suitable scheme was prepared by the Managing Committee of the association.

The scheme, it was further explained was prepared by the Managing Committee, and upheld by the General Body. The scheme will be submitted to the Textile Commissioner.

CATTLE-FEED PRICES ON DECLINE

Three Meat-Less Days In City: Age Limit Of Children For Milk To Be Raised

The Bombay Government's decision to require restaurants in Bombay City to use only skim milk powder in tea, coffee, curds and butter-milk from February 15 seems already to be having the anticipated results. Till recently the Municipality, it is said, was finding it difficult to obtain increased supplies from week to week for the subsidised milk scheme. The position now is that milk is available freely for the scheme. Actually, it is reported, dairy owners are now freely offering milk to the municipality.

Fear is expressed in some quarters that as a result of the cutting off of supplies of whole milk to restaurants, the milk prices would slump to such an extent that the dairy owners might have to sell milk at a loss. Dairy owners have, of course, made profits in the past, but quite apart from that it is expected that the reduction in the milk prices would lead to reduction in the prices of cattlefeeds. Actually hay prices have already registered a fall. Whereas the maximum price of Phul (medium) was Rs. 37 in the first week of January, it has gradually declined till it was Rs. 28 in the first week of February, representing a fall of about 33 per cent. A similar fall has occurred in the price of Bhel (medium). The prices of high class hays (Ber, mushi and Berdi mushi) have also declined by about 5 per cent. It is to be noted, however, that Ful and Bhel are the only two qualities which are in common demand. The decline in hay prices means to the dairy owners can be realised from the fact that hay constitutes 60 per cent of a buffalo's consumption of all cattle-feeds.

THREE MEAT-LESS DAYS.

It is suggested that two meatless days should be declared in a week as a method of increasing the supply of milk. Actually, it is gathered, Bombay is already having about 3 meatless days a week. This has been achieved by restricting the number of buffaloes that can be slaughtered at the Bandra and Kurla slaughter houses. Prior to June 12, 1944, on an average 411 buffaloes were slaughtered per week at those two slaughter houses. The number has been successively reduced and the position to-day is that not more than 257 can be slaughtered per week—a curtailment by about 38 per cent. Two meatless days a week mean a reduction in slaughter by only about 28 per cent. Bombay is thus having more than two meatless days a week.

AGE LIMIT OF CHILDREN TO BE RAISED.

Meanwhile, it is gathered, the Government is actively considering the extension of the subsidised-supply-of milk scheme to the Bombay Suburban District and increasing the age limit of children to 10 years. An announcement in this respect is expected shortly.

KAIRA SKIM MILK?

The Government, it is learnt, is also investigating the possibility of manufacturing skim milk powder in Kaira District. This will place an easily available supply at Government's disposal and will remove the uncertainty involved in obtaining supplies from abroad. Local manufacture will also help to avert wastage of milk in the surplus areas as a permanent measure.

MEPACRINE

The attention of the public is drawn to a letter which appeared in the Calcutta press on February the 2nd, written by the eminent physician, Dr. John Lowe, M.D., Officiating Professor of Tropical Medicine, School of Tropical Medicine, warning the civilian population against over-dosage of Mepacrine released by Government to combat malaria.

Dr. Lowe urges that the following dosages should not be exceeded in order to prevent ill-effects: for well-built, healthy adults, not more than 3 tablets; for small adults and other children 2 tablets; for younger children and very small persons two half-tablets. Adults should not continue the dose of 3 tablets after the fever has been controlled; the dose can then be reduced to 2 and the course be lengthened from 4 days recommended, to 6 days. With this dosage, the results are excellent and no serious troubles arise.

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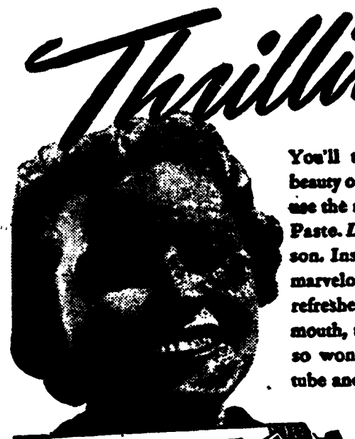

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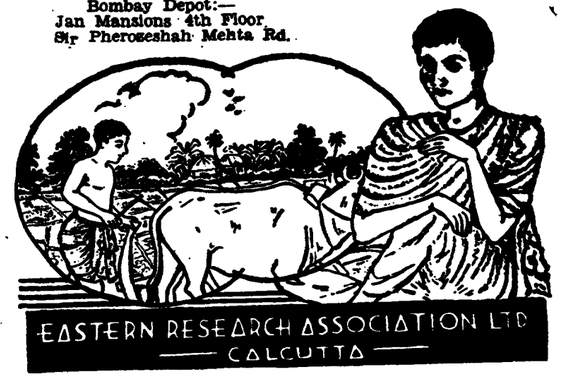

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CONGRESS POLICY

Following the example of several other provinces, the Congress workers of Andhra met in conference on Sunday and adopted resolutions supporting the general policy of the Congress as laid down in the A.I.C.C. resolution of 8th August 1942 minus the clause relating to mass satyagraha and as interpreted by Mahatma Gandhi after his release. At the same time some other Congress workers met at Madras and passed resolutions which seem to differ from the policy of the August 1942 resolution. The difference is neither casual nor too slight to be ignored. The main resolution of the Andhra Conference at Eliore stated that the Congress cannot accept any proposals other than or falling short of those set forth by Mahatma Gandhi and opined that the attempts of Mr. Bhulabhai Desai and the Sapru Committee would at best only pave the way for future negotiations. The resolution also stated: "The Congress cannot accept any proposals other than those formulated by the Congress Working Committee if and when its members are released unconditionally. As it is evident that the British do not intend to part with power in India, but are continuing to suppress Indian National aspirations through continued rule and repression through ordinances and the Defence of India Act this Assembly expresses its determination to strive for national freedom under Mahatma Gandhi's leadership." The main resolution of the Madras conference, however, only stated that the present irresponsible system of Government both at the Centre and in the Provinces should be replaced by popular Governments. At first sight it may appear that the two resolutions are not incompatible for the Andhra Congressmen could not possibly be against popular governments at the Centre or the Provinces. But the Madras resolution, interpreted in the light of some of the speeches at the conference and the history behind it, suggests that there is material difference between the two resolutions. The "Indian Express" has presumably reason to remark that "the contrary purport of the decisions of the two meetings calls for attention being promptly paid to the possibilities of a single policy and concerted action under Congress auspices, instead of allowing a situation to develop in which the authority of the Congress will be claimed contentiously for itself by each of a number of groups of Congressmen of widely dissimilar outlook."

We fully share our contemporary's concern for discipline in the Congress and also for a single policy provided it is a right one and consistent with the general policy of the Congress. If by "popular Government at the Centre the Madras resolution means one which, besides being representative, enjoys substantial power either under an amendment of the 1935 Act or under a Gentleman's Agreement about the Viceroy's veto, few Congressmen, if any, will oppose the Madras resolution on this point. But if it is suggested that it is worthwhile for the popular parties to form a Central Government of the present type few Congressmen, if any, will have anything to do with it. And the Congress will certainly demand more power in the provinces and unequivocal assurances from Governors about functioning as constitutional rulers. Else Congress will lose more than it will gain by making itself responsible for a policy which may be subject to numerous vexations and humiliating checks from the Governor or the Viceroy in the name of war exigencies. One of the speakers at the Madras conference suggested that, if Congress itself did not want to accept office it should at least allow minority communities to form coalition cabinets. And Mr. C. Rajagopalachari said that there was nothing wrong in the suggestion and pointed out that Gandhiji himself had given an assurance that he would be agreeable even to a Muslim League Government. What Gandhiji meant was that he did not mind which popular party or parties formed a Cabinet provided that it had got real power. Congress, too, insists that both at the Centre and in the Provinces the Cabinet must have real power. But Congress cannot accept responsibility without power. And obviously what it cannot accept for itself it cannot allow any of its elected members to accept in its name. Laxity in this matter will ruin its discipline and solidarity. It is of course always open to Congressmen to resign their elective posts, if any, and follow their own policy not inconsistent with the Congress creed.

A most important point in this behalf is that at a time when most Congressmen stand by the A.-I. C. C. resolution of August 1942 as interpreted and modified by Gandhiji it is not right for any to act against it except with the support of the A.-I. C. C. and with the knowledge of the members of the Working Committee, if not their approval. When Government not only continues to keep them in jail in spite of Gandhiji's assurances about the A.-I. C. C. resolution but also allows none not even Gandhiji to interview them about Congress matters as if Government wanted to drive a wedge between them and the rest of the Congress, it is hardly fair or dignified for Congressmen to act against the Congress resolution without the knowledge of the leaders in jail. One of the first and foremost duties of Congressmen now is to secure their release through the force of organised public opinion. And in this task the constructive programme carried on by thousands of Congress workers is bound to be most helpful.

Frankly Speaking

Inexcusable Incendiarism

One of the worst features of Japanese militarism, as indeed, of Nazi militarism, is the manner in which it freely gives itself up to Sadism. Manila is an instance in point, though by no means an extreme instance. When the Americans entered the town one Jap garrison threatened to ill-treat internees in a concentration camp and had to be given safe conduct. This was blackmail but can be forgiven. It is also understandable that the Japs, caught in Manila, should try to destroy their military stores and munition, causing thereby some considerable damage to houses and civilian property. But what cannot be excused is the deliberate incendiarism in which the trapped Japs are indulging, seeking to burn and destroy the whole town even though it can have no relation, direct or indirect, to their military operations. This is sheer brutal inhumanity.

Anglo-French Rivalry

In his recent broadcast which must have attracted particular attention in British circles and which, of course, was deliberately timed to coincide with the Big Three Meeting, General de Gaulle has made public French point of view and ambitions and French prejudices. He was significantly full of praise for Russia and reserved as regards Britain. The relevant passage in the broadcast is this: "..... we desire to make an alliance with that brave good old England as soon as she will consent to what to us is vital with regard to Germany and as soon as we shall have eliminated between us certain vestiges of an out-dated rivalry in this or that part of the world"—"that part of the world" meaning quite obviously the Middle East and relating to the affairs in Syria and the Lebanon.

Confession And Exposure

The French point of view, of course, is that France should at once be conceded the full and complete status of a Big Power co-equal with the Big Three and that France must have a Big Power share in the occupation of Germany. Russia obviously has accepted the French demand, but Britain has not done so and, according to General de Gaulle's suggestion, this is due to rivalry for predominance in western Europe between France and Britain. The game of power politics has not only started but is proceeding merrily along. This is one interesting point. The other and more interesting for Asiatics and victims of Imperialism is General de Gaulle's dig at Britain in respect of rivalry in "that part of the world." It is a confession by General de Gaulle of the weak point of the new France, namely, determination to preserve the old Empire and Imperialism. But it is also an exposure of the weak point of Britain in her newly developed democratic sympathy for the aspirations of the people of Levant.

Another Canal

The people of the Middle East have been given something more to feel concerned about. According to Reuters, a British paper is responsible for the report that "Britain is planning the greatest engineering project of the country—a new canal linking the port of Akka, north of Haifa, in Palestine, with the Gulf of Akabah at the top of the Red Sea after passing through the Dead Sea". With modern plant, it is explained further, the new canal can be built more cheaply and quickly than the Suez canal, which "to-day is neither deep enough nor broad enough for the newest ship. But there is another reason too; the Suez Canal reverts absolutely to Egypt in 1968. Hence there should be quite a new British canal on the other side! The new canal will pass through or touch Palestine, the Trans-Jordan and Hedjaz. The history of the Suez Canal has shown the political and other consequences of such a water way. What the fact of contemplating the project means to Palestine and Trans-Jordan and to any future aspirations they may have entertained is not difficult to understand. And Saudi Arabia will also have cause for anxiety. Imperialism having decided to continue itself, what should otherwise be a great benefit will undoubtedly prove a danger.

Kher's Visit To Amreli

(From Our Correspondent)

AMRELI, Feb. 6.

The citizens of Amreli presented address of welcome to Messrs. B. G. Kher and Khushaldas Parekh, who went there to preach the constructive programme. Dr. Jivraj Mehta was in the chair.

Among the speakers were Mrs. Hansa Mehta, Maganlal Gandhi, Ramanlal Desai and others.

Dr. Jivraj Mehta said by honouring its own distinguished sons, Amreli had proved that prophets were honoured in their own country.

RELIEF FOR RETAKEN JAP-HELD AREAS

Burmans Must Not Be Disillusioned When They Press Their Political Claims

LONDON, Feb. 7: Preliminary reports from Burma show that needs of the countries of South East Asia as they are freed from the Japanese, will equal those of the liberated countries of Europe, writes Mr. W. M. Towler, Foreign Editor of "Daily Herald", in an article to-day.

"Sickness due to malnutrition and absence of medicines has increased alarmingly during the occupation and last year less than a quarter of usual acreage of rice was harvested in Northern Burma and the Japanese took a large proportion of that".

Mr. Towler praises the work of British Civil Affairs authorities following liberating troops. "Rice used to cost villagers nearly one shilling and six pence a pound. To-day it is available at less than one penny. Cotton garments under Japanese rule cost about twenty sterling. Now they are available for a shilling or two That sounds like an excellent start.

We must watch now that gratitude of to-day does not evaporate through lack of sympathy when the moment comes for the Burmese to state their political claims".

New Plastic Will Bear 120 Tons Square Inch

LONDON, Feb. 5: A new reinforced plastic material four times lighter than steel and with a breaking load of between 120 and 132 tons per square inch has been produced by the 75-year-old inventor Sir William Yarworth Jones. The Southern Railway is using it for new passenger and luggage vans and saving nearly three tons in the weight of each van.

Sir William has also invented a plastic electric heating panel which is being tried out for warming passenger coaches. It can also be used to heat rooms by being built into house walls or placed under carpets.—Globe.

The war services exhibition, the 18th of its kind, will be opened at Madura by the Governor of Madras on March 2.

ECONOMIC CONCEPTS, OLD AND NEW

Increase Of Productivity Should Not Be At The Cost Of Human Personality

(BY KAMALADEVI)

Economics is generally defined by economists as the Science of Wealth and the relationship of mankind to it. The principle underlying economics in the accepted sense has been "the securing of given ends with the least means", avoidance of waste being one of its intrinsic qualifications. The rationale of such a principle is to satisfy human wants, an endeavour to achieve the greatest possible result with the least possible use of means. Yet both study and experience prove that the case is not as simple as that.

Although superficially one may understand economics as the mechanism to enable people to get a money income and that money to purchase essential goods, in the fuller sense it means the securing of those things which bring complete satisfaction to men as a complex human being, in other words satisfy his or her needs as a personality. For all activity, whether it be breaking of stones or filling a canvass with line and colour, is a field for creation and self-expression.

What gives all activity to-day a money bias is the fact that all human affairs are evaluated in terms of money. This metal which entered the economic world originally as a convenient medium of exchange has ended by becoming the primary commodity, often coveted for its own sake. This not only confuses our sense of values but gives a wrong angle to the very purpose of human activity. Professor Soddy calls money "The Achilles heel of civilization."

POVERTY AMIDST PLENTY

Even if the purpose of the economic order were only the regulating of obtaining material goods and services, let us see if the orthodox system conforms to that definition and answers that purpose. What we do witness to-day is not want amidst scarcity as water supply in a desert, but poverty amidst plenty, starvation amidst abundance. Even in the United States, the wealthiest country in the world 1/3 of the people are underfed and below par. What is even more staggering is the fact that scientific development and its application to production to increase both its tempo and output has worked in a reverse process, in throwing millions of able-bodied workers out of employment, and creating artificial scarcity, by deliberately contracting production. Thus acceleration in production is more than offset by stultification.

The interlude between the two world wars witnessed economic deadlocks when precious essentials were destroyed; harvests were burnt down, soil pregnant with seed turned over, fruit and dairy products thrown away. As Professor Cole rightly asks, "Of what use is it that scientists should devise means of making human labour more productive, if the result becomes a positive cause of unemployment? Of what use is it to devise means of lightening labour if these means throw more and more people out of work and income? And what are we to say of a world in which a farmer, when he sows his crop, has to play for a bad harvest in order to rescue him from financial difficulties?" Says H. G. Wells, "We are faced indeed with the spectacle of industry through sheer progressive efficiency producing more and more and killing the demand for its product as it does so." The factor which stultifies economic progress, is not over-population nor the inadequate productive capacity of the world's resources, nor even the lack of ways and means. It is much more the faulty understanding of the very purpose of the science of economics, the application of a contorted principle.

For many decades economics was treated merely as a means, a mere "investment of obtaining satisfaction", as Cassell would have it. In other words, the function of an economic system was the turning out of as large stocks of consumers' goods and services of value as cheaply as possible, meaning the least possible use of means in the process. In reality the working of the present economic system is quite the reverse. Whereas technological progress, while it seems apparently to make for economy (least possible use of means), in reality makes ultimately for more waste; and far from satisfying the needs of the people, makes for either artificial scarcity or destruction. As Professor V. K. R. V. Rao pertinently remarks: "The implication of full employment which underlies the use of the concept of scarcity for advocating economy is thus found to be somewhat unreal. Employment is not only a means of living but also constitutes a value in itself; and if the effect of applying the principle of economy is to bring about a net decrease in employment, there is something obviously wrong with the unqualified exercise of this criterion in regulating economic activity—When unemployment ceases to be merely fractional and takes the form of a chronic malady, it is high time that considerations of economy cease to dominate the choice of the methods of production."

PURPOSE OF ECONOMIC ORDER

Among the discontented and seekers after new paths are those who pin their faith in raising the standard of the masses, as for instance the Bombay Plan which aims "to bring about the doubling of the present per capita income within a period of 15 years." This is not impossible, but whether it answers the purpose is the criterion. Most of the Western countries have a higher economic standard than the Indian. Although the real income per capita for the major population in rural India may be only 18 to 20 rupees. The average on paper is Rs. 65/ as compared with Rs. 1,013 and Rs. 1,186 for Britain and United States respectively. But the basic problems of Britain and United States are not different from the problem of India. When Roosevelt came out with his New Deal panacea, the unemployment figures had reached 13 millions in a population of 130 millions. Distress in Britain was even greater.

In clarifying the correct objective of an economic order, the Eastern sages and the Western thinkers meet. The Congress National Planning Committee aimed at a system that would pay attention to "cultural and spiritual values and the human side of life." Professor Agarwal interprets the Gandhian economics as aimed at the promotion of the welfare and happiness of the whole nation, and not merely of a selected class or group, and to be free from that regimentation of the masses which divests them of the legitimate liberty of living within their won pattern of life. "Of what avail shall such material prosperity be if the people lose their soul—their spirit of freedom?" he asks. It has its counterpart in Professor Aldous Huxley's definition "to transform the society into a just, peaceful, moral and intellectual progressive community of non-attached and responsible men and women."

The purpose of an economic order is, therefore, not an isolated one confined to the counting of coins or transfering of bank drafts, but one of vitally helping the general purpose of all human activity. As our entire social pattern is determined by the economic, its import is of unparalleled value. If the aim of society is to organise harmonious and healthy co-operative living, then the aim of our economic system must be correlated to this end and be not merely the material prop which supports an anyhow structure, but one that shapes and moulds its motifs to render it noble and beautiful, a thing of joy and beauty.

Society is not composed of neutral elements but positive beings and hence all educationalists are agreed upon one thing, that to achieve a successful society, the individuals who compose it should be well developed human personalities. The aim of society should, therefore, be to provide the necessary atmosphere that would nurture each growing personality to its full stature. Where this is stunted and thwarted, the effect is disaster.

THE HUMAN ASPECT

The damage to society by human wastage through mal-adjusted or frustrated men and women, is far greater than through any material or goods, due to the prevailing ill-adjusted economic structure. In fact, this alone should seal its doom. As Professor Agarwal rightly warns us in his Gandhian Plan: "we can no longer afford to neglect the 'human' aspect of our economic life. Man is much more valuable and important than machine or material goods. Productivity and national wealth are to be increased 'for' man and, not at the cost of man."

For a human being to flower into a full personality, certain basic needs have to be satisfied. Therefore any economic order if it is to fulfil its purpose must supply the fundamental requirements of a community. This must ensure not only the right but also its exercise in practice, of each member of that community to work, which necessarily rules out the present system which Lord Keynes describes as "the dependence upon an intense appeal to the money-making and the money-loving instincts of individuals as the motif of the economic machine," and replace it with one guided by human needs and requirements.

This system must, on the social plane, ensure self-respect and dignity to every individual—that is, obliterate the unnatural frontier which divides society to-day into two groups or classes; the haves and the have-nots, the acquisitors and the labourers, and establish the recognition of work as a mark of dignity, the quality that lends nobility to men. Professor Dewey, laying stress upon this as a principle of education says "Education through occupation combines within itself more of the factors conducive to learning than any other method. It calls instincts and habits into play; it is a foe to passive receptivity." Workers are creators for they produce goods not only in the sense of money value but as essentials of life, on which the existence of human society depends. The goods may be a loaf of bread or a violin or a book of verse. All are equally essential to satisfy the human need. When our sense of values shifts from metal coins and cheques to the nurturing of the human personality, then our emphasis on the essential changes to a different note. This naturally transforms our economic concepts. Under such a system the worker must have more initiative and greater responsibility, the conscious pride of feeling he is somebody who matters and has a definite place in society and is not a mere cog in the wheel. It is this which makes a labourer an artist, diffuses his limbs with the thrill and throb of creation, vibrates his heart with the pangs of birth and pulsates his imagination with the great shapes of things to come.

OUR READERS' VIEWS

Some Statistics Of Education In Bombay Province

A comparison of the statistics of education in this province given in the recently published report of the Director of Public Instruction for the year 1942-43 with those of the year 1920-21, when Montford reforms were introduced, shows: (1) that while the total number of pupils under instruction has increased nearly cent per cent during the last 22 years, the total number of institutions available for their instruction has increased by only 50 per cent and the total number of teachers by 40 per cent; (2) that while the total number of teachers was increased by 40 per cent, the proportion of trained teachers among them has risen by only 4 per cent (from 41 p.c. to 45 p.c.); (3) that while the total expenditure on education in the province has risen by 87 per cent, Government contribution to it has declined by 24 per cent from 56 per cent to 42 per cent; (4) that while the cost of educating each pupil has risen from Rs. 25 to Rs. 27, Government contribution to it declined from Rs. 13 to Rs. 11; (5) that Government expenditure per head of population has declined during the last 22 years by 25 per cent from Rs. 1/5/0 to Re. 1.

K. S. VAKIL.

Lingaraj College Affairs

The Lingaraj College is the only Arts and Science College in the Belgaum District. At present it also ministers to the needs of adjoining districts like Karwar and Ratnagiri and various States in the neighbourhood. Today there are nearly 900 students in the college, and hence it is a matter of paramount concern to the parents and guardians of these students as also to the intelligentsia of Karnatak generally that the college should be managed efficiently and along progressive lines,—managed, not in the interests of a clique or of a community, but in the interests of the people as a whole. In this letter I wish to draw the attention of your readers only to a few aspects of the deterioration in the affairs of the Lingaraj College.

(1) The K. L. E. Society, which runs the college in theory, developed an unbecoming schism, and rival parties went to court, obtained injunctions, and brought matters to a stand-still more than once; and a new Constitution has been adopted. But although about three months have elapsed since then, elections have not been held under the new constitution and a so-called "Interim" Board of Management. Where, then, is the "Governing Body" of the college contemplated by the Bombay University Act?

(2) Sardar Besavaprabhu Lakhamagauda, Sir Desai of Vantmuri, the Grand Patron and former President of the K. L. E. Society, and President also of the former Governing Body, resigned his association with the Governing Body in November 1943.

(3) During the last twelve months no less than eleven members of the professorial staff of the Lingaraj College have, for one reason or another, left the college. These are: 1. Principal Dr. C. Nandimath; 2. Prof. P. M. Shrinivasachari; 3. Dr. K. R. S. Iyengar; 4 Prof. Sheshgiri; 5 Prof. Gajendragadkar; 6. Prof. Sholapure; 7. Prof. H. R. Naware; 8. Prof. Moghe; 9. Prof. Shastri; 10. Prof. Halapnavar; 11 Prof. B. G. Naik. Such an exodus of professors from a college is a record in the Bombay University.

(4) Arbitrary promotions and transfers have created discontent in the members of the staff and destroyed the foundations of healthy academic life.

(5) When, after 11 years' service, Prof. Shrinivasachari resigned his post in November 1943, 3 months' salary was cut off because he was unable to give full three months' notice; when, a little later, Dr. K. R. S. Iyengar, again after 11 years' service, gave full three months' notice, 100 days' salary was cut off. The K. L. E. Society's motto seems to be: "Heads we win, tails you lose."

X.

Disturbances At Mr. Roy's Meeting

In connection with the disturbances at the Radical Democratic Party's meeting I would like to throw some light as I was involved in the same.

At the end of the meeting, I requested the President of the meeting to allow me to put some questions. The president asked me to forward those questions in writing. I did so in two minutes. But to my surprise instead of answering my written questions the president asked me to come to the Party Office for answers as he had no time to answer the questions in a public meeting. As he resumed his seat Prof. Parikh of Ruia College, who is an important member of the R. D. Party, rose and told me (addressing the audience), "I know you are a representative of Tata's and Birlas and have come, here to create unnecessary trouble". The Party volunteers then rushed on me and tried to gag me by shouting the slogans "M. N. Roy Zindabad".

I went to the platform for my answers, but suddenly I found myself surrounded by the party members who began to find faults with me. Com. Roy had already disappeared without answering the written questions.

If Mr. Roy had answered my questions he would have removed misunderstandings in the minds of many in the audience. Why does he want everybody to go to his office? The Radical Democratic Party before advising others or pronouncing judgments on others' ideas and actions evidently needs a radical reforming of its own from top to bottom.

PRAHALAD MEHTA,
Member Executive Committee,
Bombay Students' Union.

Indian Cricketers For Ceylon

The names of the cricketers who have been selected to represent an All-India Cricket Team for touring in Ceylon have appeared in the Press, and I observe with regret that the names of Messrs. Amir Elahi and Gul Mohd. have been omitted and these two will be asked to fill up the vacancies if the selected players are unable to accompany the team.

I consider it highhandedness on the part of selectors who have ignored the performances of such two stalwart cricketers, who on any day are good enough to be selected for an All-India Side to play in Test Matches against England, Australia, or any other foreign country.

It is really surprising that Sarwate has been preferred to Amir Elahi, but I am of opinion that the former is not in the same street as the latter.

India should be proud of having a spin bowler like Amir Elahi and left-hander like Gul Mohd. in the side.

I am sure the team has been selected under the influence of Vijay as usual, but how Prince Duilip could overlook the performances of Amir Elahi on a perfect batsman wicket such as Brabourne Stadium is mystery to me. In recent Pentangular matches Amir Elahi was a class by himself and even C. S. Naidu, for whom I have great admiration, was not a patch on him.

Unless the selectors have a feeling that there will be 4 Muslims in the side I find no other justification that these two players should not have been the first choice.

"A CRICKETER."

Government Officers' Behaviour

Some of our Government Officers have unfortunately taken a very regrettable policy towards those desiring jobs under them inasmuch as the treatment meted out to such persons.

In December last, I was called for an interview in the office of the Commissioner of Textiles and accordingly I appeared before the selection board. They had to examine and cross-examine me to find out whether I am sufficiently qualified for the post of a petty clerk in spite of the fact that I am a double degree holder of the Madras University. Let alone that, In the end I was informed that the result of the interview would be communicated to me within a few days. Days and months passed but no intimation ever came. It is simply ridiculous that those who complying with the Government's call approach them are left in the lurch ultimately. Cannot a reply be given to them in the name of courtesy at least? It is a pity that the authorities concerned do not realise this simple duty.

It may incidentally be mentioned that especially at the present time a good number of young men and women with high academic qualifications are seeking jobs in Government Departments and have made a cheap commodity of themselves. It has turned out to be the fate of the youth of the country to rot as petty clerks. No doubt it would be adding an insult to injury then, to treat them in the manner described above. It is high time that in every such case the persons concerned should see that their rights are vindicated.

K. A. ACHUTHAN, B.A., B.L.

Mrs. Munshi's Proposal

It is gratifying to note that Mrs. Munshi, M.L.A. and a fellow of the University of Bombay, has submitted a proposal to the ensuing meeting of the Senate to recruit fresh matriculates for the purpose of carrying out the plan of national education so ably adumbrated by Mr. Sargent, the Educational Commissioner with the Government of India, in collaboration with the Central Board of Education in which Dr. Mrs. Malinibai Sukthankar has the honour and privilege to represent this province. Mr. Sargent's on post-war education envisages national compulsory education to all the children of the soil from the age of 6 to 14. It is, I think, an essential prerequisite to the establishment of any self-governing or autonomous unit; and as such sooner the whole scheme of education is initiated in India, the better and speedier would be the preparation for Independence or Dominion Status that would soon dawn upon us.

The proposed national schools to run on the modest lines laid down in the report would cost annually Rs. 313 crores progressively after forty years, when every boy or girl of school-going-age in India would be receiving education with its make-up of genuine citizenship. This is really a long and arduous a period for the long overdue universal compulsory education of our country which must now at all costs be abreast of the times, when new world with high aspirations for peace and goodwill and reconstruction plans all round is throbbing with new life and vigour.

Viewed in the light above, the period can be shortened to twenty or fifteen years and the scheme can be adapted accordingly. The plan of compulsion therefore would reveal that the province of Bombay would require about 84,000 teachers for educating about 25 lacs of children of school-going-age for a full-fledged programme, of course, progressively with an annual recurring budget of Rs 8 crores for full primary basic education. The proposal therefore to enlist the services of matriculates as apprentice-pupil-teachers year after year is quite opportune and worthy of serious consideration at the hands of the University Senate. The proposal if approved would facilitate the problem of the recruitment of teachers. The young matriculates after receiving training in due course would veritably emerge as a budding army of teachers bearing the torch of light and knowledge for the generation and uplift of the nation.

D. W. JOSHI, B.A.B.T.,
Hon. Secretary, Maharashtra,
Library Association.

Romain Rolland's Letters To Be Published

SHANTINIKETAN, Feb. 7.

The Visva-Bharati has decided to bring out in bookform a series of letters Romain Rolland wrote to Poet Tagore to perpetuate the memory of the great French writer.—A. P.

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT—

KARACHI, Feb. 7.

Mr. G. M. Syed, President of the Sind Provincial Muslim League, is reported to have received an anonymous letter threatening him, Mr. M. H. Gazdar and Khan Bahadur Haji Moulabux (brother of the late Mr. Allah Baksh) with murder. The letter which has been handed over to the Sind C. I. D. for investigation is said to be in Sindhi language.

—A. P. I.

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Admitting that he has lost the support of the Chamber, M. Pierlot the Belgian Premier has hinted that he is going to resign.

But he really needn't and shouldn't. Government have functioned and do function even despite permanent opposition by their Chamber. The relationship between Government and Parliament has nothing to do with the essence of democracy.

Ask Sir A. Ramaswami Mudaliar for instance.

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Talking of Sir A. Ramaswami, the Hon'ble the Supply Member has just told a gathering of Madras students that the Indian problem is "more a solution than ever before.

This optimism of Sir A. Ramaswami rather disturbs us. What are they up to now?

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Advocating political toleration, Sir A. Ramaswami is reported to have urged that "attribution of motives was to be severely condemned."

In every case? Without any exception?

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At a Press Conference on Tuesday, the Director of Public Relations, Chamber of Princes, gave the assurance that he had no doubt that Princes would play their part in upholding the dignity and prestige of the Press.

Well, we have got to take it. I haven't we, that the Director does know what he was talking about

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General de Gaulle desires an alliance with Britain "as soon as we shall have eliminated between us certain vestiges of an out-dated rivalry in this or that part of the world."

We offer congratulations to us on our prophetic suspicions.

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Reuters quote a British Press report that "Britain is planning the greatest engineering project of the century—a new canal linking the port of Akka, north of Haifa in Palestine with the Gulf of Akabah and top of the Red Sea after passing through the Dead Sea."

In the circumstances we should now give up wondering about the future of Palestine and Trans-jordon for a century.

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Neutrals, according to Reuter's, believe that the Big Three are meeting somewhere on the Black Sea coast.

So, therefore, do we, being more or less neutral as regards the Big Three confabulations.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

There is more or less dead wood in every family tree.

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The rest microbe is responsible for a lot of laziness.

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Some men talk of their superiority every time they resist temptation.

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It sometimes happens that a girl may get rid of a persistent suitor by marrying him.

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No man alive admires his wife's taste in neckties, but he always approves her choice of a husband.

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If a man never has anyone to tell him what he would do if he were in his place, that man is friendless.

Triple Life Sentence On Chief Of "Hindusthan Red Army"

Alleged Waging War Against King: Assessors Give Verdict Of "Not Guilty"

NAGPUR, February 7: Maganlal Bagdi, described as leader of "Hindusthan Red Army", and Malu Koshti, reported to be working in the same organisation, were today sentenced by the Additional Sessions Judge to transportation for life on charges under the Defence of India Rules, including waging war against the King.

Shamlal Naik, said to be co-worker of Bagdi, was acquitted, having been given benefit of doubt.

The case arose out of the disturbances which occurred in August 1942 at village Mauda, where the "Hindusthan Red Army" was stated to have a volunteer corps. The "Hindusthan Red Army" was stated by the prosecution to be a military organisation, with its branches at various villages in Central Provinces. It had adopted the Soviet Flag as its own and also displayed the Congress Flag on its route marches on ceremonial occasions.

MULTIPLE SENTENCES

Bagdi was sentenced to transportation for life on three counts and rigorous imprisonment ranging from two to ten years on four counts. Koshti was sentenced to tansportation for life on one count and rigorous imprisonment ranging from two to eight years on four counts.

The prosecution case was that the accused Maganlal Bagdi and Shamlal Naik were organisers of the 'Hindusthan Red Army" which was established at Nagpur in April 1939. They were also its officers and used to take active part in training its volunteers. The slogans songs documents articles and activities and the speeches of its officers showed that it aimed at the subversion of British Power in India. The prosecution alleged that there were also many underground workers who used to extend all possible help to "Hindusthan Red Army" officers in the achievement of their ultimate aims and objects.

ATTACK ON POLICE STATION

On August 14, 1942 near Kanhan bridge Maganlal and his men "arrested" one constable named Sheikh Daud who was carrying a letter from the Sub-Inspector of Police Mauda, to the District Superintendent of Police, Nagpur, for additional police help. Bagdi and his men led a mob at Mauda to the police station and Bagdi and Shamlal Naik opened fire at the police station with rifles.

Head Constable Gajanand Pasi received a bullet wound on his left arm and all those present in the station house had to run away to save their lives. Head Constable Gauri Shankar hearing the noise came out of his quarters and when he was coming towards the station house Maganlal Bagdi shot at him causing a bullet wound on his left knee. Thereafter the building of the station house was broken open damaged and set on fire. Government records, furniture and other property were burnt. Four police muskets, eighty cartridges, handcuffs and police uniforms were taken away by Bagdi.

After the commission of these crimes, prosecution alleged the accused absconded. Mallu was arrested at Nagpur on June 8 1943. Shamlal Naik was arrested in Bombay on July 18, 1943 and Bagdi also in Bombay on the 20th of the same month. The prosecution stated that they took possession of a diary from Bagdi, which was full of incriminating admissions about collection of arms ammunition, explosive substances, and blasting materials and also about subversive activities of members of the Hindusthan Red Army.

Assessors' Verdict Of "Not Guilty"

The accused persons denied almost all prosecution charges and pleaded alibi. All the five assessors gave the verdict of not guilty.

Acquitted, But Re-Arrested

Shamlal Naik who was given the benefit of the doubt and was acquitted by the Additional Sessions Judge has been rearrested under Rule 129 of the D.I.R.—A. P.

CEYLON UNDER DOMINATION OF SINHALESE

Communal Electorate Urged To Abolish Communal Feelings

COLOMBO, Feb. 6.

The deputation from the European Association of Ceylon giving evidence before the Soulbury Commission to-day referred to the contribution made by the community to Ceylon's progress under the British rule.

They said that the introduction of almost complete territorial representation had led for the first time to political domination by one community, the Sinhalese, and their resultant attitude had brought about a marked exacerbation of communal feeling.

Questioned on their suggestion that similar safeguards should be provided for the Indian community in Ceylon, the deputation expressed the view that any legislation connected with immigration should be reserved for signification of His Majesty's consent.

The deputation favoured the system of Communal Electorate which they contended would diminish communal feeling and also favoured balanced representation on fifty-fifty basis between majority and minority communities.—A. P.

Police Patel Arrested

SURAT, Feb. 7: The Police Patel of the village Mori engaged in the procurement of rice under the Government Scheme, was arrested yesterday afternoon for, it is alleged accepting bribes. The Special Police who made the arrest are investigating.—United Press.

ANOTHER AUSTRALIAN OFFICER FOR INDIA

SYDNEY, Feb. 7: Capt. J. P. Williams, Chief Salvage Officer of the Commonwealth Salvage Board, has been made available to the Government of India for salvage work in the Indian area.

THAT UNSEEMLY LEAGUE QUARREL

Sind Minister's Appeal To Follow Jinnah's Advice

KARACHI, Feb. 7: Pir Illahibux, Education Minister, in a statement says that the dispute between Mr. G. M. Syed, President of the Sind Provincial Muslim League, and Sir Ghulam Hussain Hidayatullah, the Sind Premier, is very unfortunate for the whole Province. He appeals to them to follow the advice of Mr. M. A. Jinnah, President of the All-India Muslim League, to unite and work for Muslim solidarity in Sind.

He says that the Muslim League would have been ridiculed if an internment order had been served on its President, Mr. G. M. Syed, during the regime of the League Ministry. He adds: "I am glad that the order has been suspended.

Pir Illahibux concludes: "Sir Ghulam Hussain Hidayatullah is the leader of the Muslim League Assembly Party and so long the Party supports him he will have my full support.

Rift In U. P. Muslim League

LUCKNOW, Feb. 6.

A regular constitutional fight has begun between the two rival groups—official and Rizwanulla—in U. P. Muslim League as the latter has lodged several complaints against the official group. The matter is coming up for consideration before the forthcoming meeting of the Working Committee of the U. P. Provincial League on the 11th. The exact charges are not yet known but it is understood they relate to the hostile attitude of the official group towards the opposition party unsound decisions of the Working Committee during the days of municipal elections.

A meeting of the Council of the U. P. League will be held in Cawnpore when it will finally decide the action to be taken against the alleged misbehaviour of certain individual Leaguers in the Municipal elections.—Orient Press.

SIND LEAGUE CHIEF FOR BOMBAY

KARACHI, Feb. 7.

Mr. G. M. Syed, President, Sind Provincial Muslim League, will leave Karachi by air to-morrow morning to meet Mr. M. A. Jinnah, President, All-India Muslim League, in connection with Sind affairs. It appears Mr. Jinnah asked Mr. Syed to go over to Bombay for the purpose in reply to Mr. Syed's wire.

It has now been confirmed that Mr. Syed has received an anonymous letter threatening him with death if he did not compromise with the Premier. Mr. Syed forwarded the letter to the Chief Secretary, who, it is understood, has handed it over to the police.—United Press.

INDUSTRIALISATION THROUGH POWER DEVELOPMENT

Capt. Kothavala Commends Govt.'s Policy

"It is very encouraging that the Government has realised the importance of the development of electric power in any kind of industrial or economic advancement of the country and that they have brought about the establishment of the Central Technical Power Board. Thus observed Capt. J. D. Kothawala, President of the Association of Indian Industries, speaking at its 2nd quarterly meeting on Wednesday evening.

Continuing he said:

"While it is hoped that this Board would make a detailed survey of the Hydro-Electric and Theronal Power potentialities in the country I hope they would consider these highly technical matters in the light of recent advancements made in the generation, transmission and distribution of electric power".

COAL SITUATION

Advising to the coal situation the speaker remarked: "It seems that the difficulties of the coal consumers instead of easing have been aggravated and I am afraid there are strong apprehensions of these difficulties getting more intense. We hear everyday of "the closing down of factories and plants because of the want of coal and fuel. We have, however been assured by the Supply Member that the recent changes in the methods of production, control and total stoppage of all exports would bring relief".

Mr. Murarji J. Vaidya, the vice-President in his speech referred to the notifications issued by the Government of India for the registration of post-war requirements of plant and machinery and said that he knew that the response from the industrialists of the country to this request of the Government had been far from satisfactory. One of the chief reasons for this was that Government had not given out their mind as to the definite policy they were going to follow for sponsoring and assisting industries in the near future insuite of demands made by the public.

RESEARCH PLANNING

India Govt. Committee's Report Ready

(From Our Correspondent)

AHMEDABAD, Feb. 7.

It is reliably learnt that the report of the Research Planning Committee of India Government is already completed. It is understood that the committee has recommended the starting of a few laboratories in different industrial centres and for this purpose it has been suggested to levy special cess on industry. It is also understood that Government will give a grant of Rs. ten crores for Research work.

The report has been sent to industrial centres for information.

GOPINATH'S DANCE RECITAL

Sjt. Gopinath and party gave a recital of Kathakali dances on Wednesday at Sunderbai Hall. The programme consisted of solos, duets and dance dramas. Smti. Thankamani's 'Yarnabhinayam' interwoven with 'ball dance' was a picture of colour and grace. In 'Hunter- dance' Gopinath brought alive jungle life in teeth and claws. Dance dramas like 'Sakuntala', 'Tilottama', and 'Golden dear' showed the artistes at their best and were thoroughly enjoyed by the audience.

The 'Bagavata Gita' duet, Krishna expounding the philosophy of action to Arjun was an epic in dance stylisation and was eloquent of the creative genius of Gopinath. The music and orchestra were of a high order, and especially the drummers who gave an extra dimension to 'Tandav' movements of Gopinath in the role of Ravana and Charioteer. Mr. K. M. Munshi thanked Sjt. Gopinath and party for the excellent show they put up. He said that since Gopinath was free from Travancore service and was starting a dance institute in Madras, he hoped that it would lead to a renaissance in dance tradition Sjt. Gopinath and party are giving their final recital to-day (Thursday) at Sunderabai Hall before leaving for Ahmedabad.

LEAGUERS' MOVE FOR ADJOURNMENT

Why Send High Commissioner To S. Africa?

NEW DELHI, Feb. 7.

At the meeting of the Muslim League Assembly Party this evening members expressed opposition to the idea of sending a High Commissioner to South Africa in the present circumstances and eventually it was decided to move an adjournment motion to discuss this question. It was also decided to raise a debate by an adjournment motion on the discrimination shown in the matter of allotment of orthodox and unorthodox quarters to Government servants.

Matters relating to the Railway Budget and the National War Front Organisation were discussed.

The meeting passed a resolution mourning the death of Mr. Umar Ali Shah, a member of the party.—A. P.

LEAGUE OFFER TO OPPOSITION

NEW DELHI, Feb. 7: Sir Muhamad Yamin Khan, Secretary, Muslim League Party in the Central Assembly, told the United Press that the League Party would continue to work in co-operation with the Congress and other opposition parties in the Assembly when matters of national interest come up.

Assembly Congress Party Meets

NEW DELHI, Feb. 7: The Congress party in the Central Assembly held a meeting this evening with Mr. Bhulabhai Desai, leader in the chair and is understood to have considered the agenda for the first few days of the budget session beginning tomorrow.—A.P.

Adjournment On Issue Of Paper Of Hindu Calendars

NEW DELHI, Feb. 7: Mr. Ananga Mohan Ram has tabled an adjournment motion to discuss in the Central Assembly the Government's action in reducing paper supply for printing the Hindu Calendar in Bengali, "and thereby interfering with the religious practices of the Hindus."—A. P.

One Person Killed In Poona Explosion

POONA, Feb. 7.

One person was killed and four others were injured as the result of an explosion in the city today.

The victim appears to have been carrying on a bicycle explosive substances, which exploded when he was thrown off. He received serious injuries and died later in hospital. Four other persons received minor injuries. The police are investigating.—A. P.

V.-2 Sites In Holland Bombed Again

LONDON, Feb. 6.

R. A. F. Spitfire pin point bombers today gave V-two firing and storage sites in Holland one of their heaviest poundings. The targets included firing sites at Huistenbesch and a house in wood at Hague.

It was one of the most successful attacks yet made, says the Air Ministry.

The aircraft returned safely.—Reuter.

AIR RAIDS OVER SOUTHERN ENGLAND

LONDON, Feb. 7: From dawn yesterday till 06.00 hours G.M.T. on Wednesday morning there had been air activity against Southern England. Damage and casualties have been reported.—Reuter.

"WELCOME IVAN!"

American troops give advance welcome to Russians: As the ring of steel tightens around Germany, troops of the 9th U. S. Army on reaching Brachelen, Germany hang a banner in anticipation of the subsequent arrival of Russian troops. Russian troops advancing towards Berlin are now driving on Frankfurt.—USOWI RADIOPHOTO

ALLIED DRIVE IN ARDENNES SECTOR

Fresh Gains Made In Direction Of Rhine-Rhone Canal

S.H.A.E.F. (Paris), Feb. 7.

General Eisenhower's "communique" to-day said: "Allied forces north-east of Moschau have pushed thousand yards south from Bergstein against mine-fields and defended "pillboxes" and to the south-west we gained 500 yards to a point approximately one mile west of Schmidt. Our infantry elements pushed another thousand yards to the east of Steckenborn. South of Urfttstausee we reached an area one and half miles east of Morsbach. Scheuren, one and half miles north-west of Schleiden is in our hands and heavy fighting continues in Nellenthal three miles south-west of Schleiden.

"Our forces have captured Schlausenbach on the edge of the Schnee Eifel Forest and we made small gains in the forest south-east of Schlausenbach.

IN ALSACE PLAIN.

In southern Alsace plain we have occupied Neu Breisach. The western approaches to the Rhine bridges leading to Vieux Breisach, have been taken and further progress made to the south between the Rhine and the Rhine-Rhone canal. To the south-west, the Ill river was crossed at a number of points and we continued to make gains in the direction of the Rhine-Rhone canal.

ALLIED DRIVE IN ARDENNES SECTOR.

(From Reuter's special correspondent with the U. S. Third Army, February 7). Four divisions of General Patton's U. S. Third Army in a surprise attack early to-day stormed their way across the Sauer and Our rivers in eastern Ardennes. They were two infantry divisions, one air-borne and one armoured division. In face of heavy small arms fire from Siegfried fortifications, seven crossings were made in assault boats on a 22 mile front from Echternach to a point north-east of Clevaux.—Reuter.

National Road Trust

450 Crore Development Plan

MADRAS, Feb. 7.

A plea for the creation of a National Road Trust representative of the Centre and the Provinces and States to be the authority over the country's entire road system was made by Mr. J. Vesugar, Industrial Adviser to the Government of India, in his presidential address to the ninth session of the Indian Roads Congress to-day. The session was opened by H. E. the Governor of Madras in Government House and was attended by over 150 delegates, including Chief Engineers of various Provinces and States and representatives of local bodies, trade, industry and commerce.

Mr. Vesugar said that the time for generalities was long past, and they must be prepared for new ideas. The trust he envisaged as the custodians of the national interest, succeeding to the revenues collected from taxpayers in their capacity as road users, would allocate these funds in a manner most conducive to this end. The trust might be allowed to borrow the funds necessary for the development plan and empowered to raise a loan of about 450 crores of rupees in 15 years. Mr. Vesugar admitted that the implications of such a proposal were far-reaching, and suggested the appointment of a commission to consider the proposal and recommend an instrument of instructions.

He emphasised that the 450 crore road plan was a minimum plan. Its framers, he said, were well aware of the limitations of India's finances, and, the almost limitless demands on these funds. If finance could not be found for the full programme, the right procedure would be to extend the time and to phase the plan.—A. P.

G. V. Karmarkar Surrenders

NASIK, Feb. 7.

Mr. Govind Vishnu Karmarkar, one of the accused in the Maharashtra Conspiracy Case, who was wanted since March, 1944, surrendered himself before the City Magistrate, Nasik. He was immediately handed over to the police.

It may be recalled that Mr. Karmarkar, while being brought from Yeroda Central Prison to Nasik for being prosecuted in another case absconded from police custody.—United Press.

In Italy

GERMAN COUNTER-ATTACKS FOILED

(From Reuters special correspondent in Italy, Wednesday): The Eighth Indian Division played an important part in repulsing the German counter-attack in the Serchio Valley area last December, it was disclosed to-day.

The Germans launched the attack against an American Negro-held sector but in anticipation Indians had been moved to that sector several days previously and were ready to move into line when the attack started.—Reuter.

Trial Of E. L. A. S. Supporters

From Reuter's special correspondent in Athens: The trial has begun to-day before the military court of seven more ELAS supporters some of whom are alleged to be members of the ELAS security organisation Opla.

The charges are firstly high treason. Secondly, participation in rebellion aiming at overthrowing the regime by violence. Thirdly, participation in the enrolment by force of citizens with a view to reinforcing the movement of rebellion, and fourthly murder and looting.—Reuter.

MAHATMA'S MESSAGE TO K. VENKATAPPAYYA

Tribute To Andhra G. O. M. On His 80th Birthday

GUNTUR, Feb. 6: Mahatma Gandhi has sent the following message from Sewagram to Deshbhakta Konda Venkatappayya on the occasion of his 80th birthday:—

"Deshbhakta Venkatappayya is older than I am. But he shows the same intellect and energy as before. May he live long and die in harness. He deserves it. Love."

Mr. A. V. Thakkar, Sir S. Radhakrishnan, Mr. Thirumula Rao, Mr. A. Kaleswara Rao and several others have sent messages wishing him long life and paying tributes to his services to the country.

An address was also presented to him on this occasion by the Guntur Municipal Council, the Guntur Bar Association, the Andhra Congress Constructive Assembly, the Guntur District Harijan Seva Sangha, the Secretary Andhra Youth Congress.

Mr. Konda Venkatappayya in his reply to the address advised youngmen to follow the path shown by Mahatma Gandhi and strive hard for the attainment of the country's freedom.—A. P.

STATES PEOPLES' MEMORANDUM TO MAHATMA

SEWAGRAM, Feb. 6.

Mr. Kanhayyalal Vaidya, General Secretary, Central India States Peoples' Conference, Mr. Gopikrishna, ex-President, Gwalior State Sarwajinit Sabha, Shakirllu Khan, ex-President, Bhopal State's Peoples' Conference and Munshi Hamid Ali, Organizer, Northern India States' Conference, have submitted to Mahatma Gandhi a written memoranda of their three years' work, the grievances of States' people and the difficulties of their organizations.

They will send a questionnaire on those points in case Mahatma Gandhi finds no time to grant them an interview as his health it is understood, is not quite satisfactory.—A. P.

C. I. States' Peoples Leaders' Talks With Syed Mahmud

WARDHAGANJ, Feb. 7.

Prof. J. C. Kumarappa arrived here and was examined by Doctors Gilder, Gajjar and Jiwanlal Desai. They found dilatation of heart and kidney function subnormal and recommended him to take rest for the time being. They will examine him again.

It is understood that trainees of Mr. Kanu Gandhi's camp are coming here to-morrow to see the Maganwadi Headquarters of the All-India Village Industries' Association.

Mr. Kanhailal Vaidya, General Secretary, Central India States' Peoples' Conference, and Mr. Gopikishan Vijayvargiya, former President, Sarwajanik Sabha, Gwallor, arrived here and had talks with Dr. Syed Mahmud on the communal problem.—United Press.

Assam Ex-Premier's Mission To Sevagram

SHANTINIKETAN, Feb. 6.

Mr. Gopinath Bardoloi, ex-Premier of Assam, who is shortly proceeding to Sewagram, in an interview to the 'Associated Press' said that the object of his proposed visit there was to discuss with friends at Wardha and, if possible, with Mahatma Gandhi, their programme of constructive and welfare activities in Assam.

Asked about the future Parliamentary programme of the Congress Party in Assam, Mr. Bardoloi said, "Our attention in the next session of the Assembly will principally be engaged in trying to see that the civil liberties, curtailed to their extremist limits at present are enlarged; to see that the injustice done by the Muslim League Government in the matter of land settlement and in the distribution of seats to local bodies is removed; and finally to fight corruption in general and in regard to food supply in particular."—A. P.

FRANCE AND LEVANT STATES' DISPUTE

British Foreign Secretary On Govt.'s Anxiety For Settlement

LONDON, Feb. 7.

Mr. Richard Law, Minister of State deputising for the Foreign-Secretary Mr. Anthony Eden in the House of Commons to-day said that the British Government saw no reason why the questions at issue between France and the Levant States should not be satisfactorily settled given a fair measure of understanding and restraint on both sides.

SYRIAN DEMAND SEQUEL

Mr. Law who was replying to a question by Mr. William Astor (Conservative) said "from accounts appearing in the Press, the members will know that there has been tension for some time in the Levant states and demonstrations have taken place. The occasion for these demonstrations was the Syrian demand for immediate transfer to the Syrian Government of the socalled "troupes' speciales" (local levies). This however is a complicated question, into the history of which I cannot go now. I would only emphasise that the real difficulties are by no means confined to this point but extend to the wider question of future relations of France with the Levant states whose independence she has proclaimed. Just what those relations are to be is primarily a matter for negotiations between France and the states themselves, but they will have to be defined sooner or later by an agreement or a settlement of some sort and it is the view of His Majesty's Government that the sooner discussions to this end are started the better.

Difficult as many of the questions at issue are, we believe there is no reason why they should not be satisfactorily settled given a fair measure of understanding and restraint on both sides. Meanwhile, we have a right to expect that no action will be countenanced on either side likely to threaten the security of the area under British command or to undermine the loyalty and discipline of the "troupes' speciales" which form part of the Allied forces in the Middle East".

Mr. Astor: Can we have an assurance that these negotiations will be free negotiations and the states will not be subject to undue pressure.

Mr. Law: These are matters for the two states concerned and I have indicated the attitude of His Majesty's Government to the problem. This is a matter for negotiations between those two states. They have got to reach a settlement and His Majesty's Government hope they will reach a settlement.

LET "BIG THREE" DO IT

Mr. Granville (Independent): Is not this a sort of question that could easily be discussed by the "Big Three" and does not this emphasise that General De Gaulle should have been invited to that meeting?

Mr. Stokes: Does the Minister remember the Declaration of General Catroux in June 1941 when he said he had come to put an end to the mandate.

Mr. Law: I don't think I have said anything to indicate that I have forgotten it.

When Mr. Stokes asked if we had considered the copy of the note of protest from the Syrian Foreign Minister to the French authorities, Mr Law replied "no copy of the protest has yet reached me".

WHEN LEBANON WAS DECLARED INDEPENDENT

Mr. Stokes: Does the Minister recollect the declaration of 26th November 1941 in which General Catroux solemnly declared that Lebanon was an independent state and would have the right to appoint its own diplomatic representative and control its own army.

The Speaker called the next question.

Mr. Keeling (Conservative): asked if Mr. Law would issue a report setting out the promises in respect of Syria and Lebanon given by the British Government to France, Syria and Lebanon respectively and still in force.

Mr. Law replied: Statements of policy all of which have been published are four in number of which two are extracts from speeches by the Prime Minister in this House. I will gladly have copies placed in the library of the House.

Mr. Keeling: Does the Minister appreciate that it is necessary to inform public opinion and remind them what the facts are?

Mr. Law: I will certainly consider the point.—Reuter.

Allied Offensive In Italy

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 6: Berlin correspondents of Swedish newspapers reported late last night that Allied armies in Northern Italy have launched violent new offensive along the entire Bologna-Faenza front.

Reuter adds there is no confirmation of this report from Allied quarters.—Reuter.

Fifth Army Improves Positions

ALLIED MEDITERRANEAN HQ. Feb. 7:

To-day's 'communique' states:

FIFTEENTH ARMY: South of Bologna and in the Berchio Valley Fifth Army troops have improved their positions. Activity on the Eighth Army front was confined to aggressive patrolling.

Fighters of the Tactical Air Force intercepted a number of enemy aircraft and shot down three. Two of our aircraft are missing.—A. P.

LISTOWEL CONTRADICTS RESIGNATION STORY

LONDON, Feb. 7: Lord Listowel, Under-Secretary for India today authorised Reuter's political correspondent to deny categorically the reports that on account of differences of opinion with the Secretary for India, Mr. Amery, he intended to resign. "I am at a loss to understand how such suggestion should have come to be made," remarked Lord Listowel.—Reuter.

MUSLIMS TO MEET HINDUS IN FINAL

SURAT, Feb. 7: Devastating bowling feat by Amir Elahi who captured five wickets with five consecutive deliveries was the main feature on the second day between the Rest and the Muslims in the Food Relief Cricket Tournament here to-day.

The Muslims who were 99 for two wickets yesterday went on to score 204 before their entire side was out, the top scorers being Nakhuda and Baporia with 59 and 40 respectively. Vijaya Hazare claimed five wickets for 54 runs.

The Rest did not fare better in their second innings and were skittled out for a meagre 67 runs leaving the Muslims winners by an innings and 77 runs who will meet the Hindus in the finals on Saturday.—A. P.

ALL-INDIA TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP

MADRAS, Feb. 7.

Miss Woodbridge and Mrs. Singh annexed the ladies' doubles at the expense of Miss Sansoni and Miss Merchant in the All-India Tennis championships here to-day. In the initial set, the losing finalists led by 3/2 but Miss Woodbridge made a remarkable recovery claiming the set by annexing four games in a row.

The Ceylon Champion Miss Sansoni and her partner however asserted their superiority in the second set by their superior courtcraft but in the decider Miss Merchant struck a bad patch netting several times.

RESULTS: MEN'S SINGLES.

M. V. Bobjee beat T. A. Ramarao 7/5, 6/3.

Kapanapathi beat Prem Pandhi 10/8, 5/7, 6/0.

Y. Singh beat J. Chakko 6/2, 6/4.

Sumant Misra beat S. Sivaswami 6/1, 6/1.

MEN'S DOUBLES.

Kapinapathi and Khaliq beat Prem Pandhi and V. K. Raju 6/0, 6/2.

Y. Singh and Sumant Misra beat K. E. Samuel and Moses 6/1, 6/1.

LADIES DOUBLES (FINAL).

Miss Woodbridge and Mrs. Singh beat Miss Sansoni and Miss Merchant 6/3, 1/6, 6/1.—A. P.

WASHINGTON: The Chairman of the United States War Production Board said that 6,535 aeroplanes had been produced in the United States in January.

NIMITZ AND FLEET ADVANCE HQ.

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET AD. HQ. Feb. 7:

Admiral Chester Nimitz, United States Pacific Ocean Areas Commander-in-Chief, with planes and operations elements of his staff have moved to advanced headquarters, it was announced here to-day. The transfer was made without incident by fleet surface units and naval aircraft.

Several Jap Bases Bombed

In the Pacific air action on Monday Haha and Iwojima in Marianas, Palau Islands, Yap and Ponape in the Carolines and Marshall Islands were bombed.

This was announced by Admiral Nimitz on Wednesday. Numerous Japanese installations were hit.

"TIRPITZ" AIR ACE DOES IT

LONDON, Feb. 7: The first firefly squadron to strike at the Japanese was led by Maj. V. B. G. Cheesman of Royal Marines, who won the D. S. O. for daring attacks on the "Tirpitz".

Attacking the oil refinery at Pangkalanbrandan in north-west Sumatra recently the squadron destroyed main buildings and set many oil tanks on fire. There had once been the finest oil refinery in Sumatra, capable of producing 32 per cent of Japanese aviation spirit requirements. The squadron left a huge column of smoke which was later reported to be over five miles in height.—Reuter.

'SUPER-FORTS' BOMB INDO-CHINA TARGETS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7: The War Department announced that "Super-Forts" from India bombed military installations in Indo-China and Thailand to-day. The attack was made by separate fleets of bombers.

CHINESE CAPTURE MOLO ON SOUTH BANK OF SHWELI

ADVANCE HQ., ALFSEA, Feb. 7: To-day's SEAC 'communique' says:

FIFTEENTH INDIAN CORPS: Further counter-attacks on our road block at Kangaw have been repulsed.

In the hills east and west of the Minbya-Kangaw Road our offensive action is vigorously maintained.

FOURTEENTH ARMY: The Nyaungyin area (east of Myinmu on the north bank of the Irrawaddy) has been cleared of the enemy.

In the area of the confluence of the Irrawaddy and the Chindwin, the Japanese are still resisting in the sector between Nabet and the Irrawaddy.

NORTHERN COMBAT AREA: In the hills west of the Burma Road and on the road troops of Mars Task Force and the 38th Chinese Division were heavily engaged with the enemy.

Troops of the 50th Chinese Division captured Molo on the south bank of the Shweli.

Aircraft of Eastern Air Command yesterday in strength hit a supply area, troops and anti-aircraft positions at Lashio. The railway bridge at Chumhon, in Siam was attacked. Mines were laid in enemy waters. Two Allied aircraft are missing.—A. P.

Air Supplies To China Mount Up

CALCUTTA, Feb. 7: Brig-Gen. William H. Tunner, Commanding General of the United States Air Transport Command, India and China Division, announced to-day that the Division carried 44,000 tons of war material to China during the month of January.—A. P.

LONDON, Feb. 6: Sir James Grigg, Minister for War told Labour Member, Hynd in the Commons today that a leave scheme for Indian soldiers serving in Britain is being considered.

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Hitler Balancing On Rope

NAZI SPOKESMAN REVEALS PERILOUS SITUATION IN RADIO TALK

LONDON, February 7.

"The Oder has become the stream on whose banks Germany's destiny will be decided. Nobody will wish us to continue 'ad infinitum.' But nobody must demand that we should drop the balancing rod which alone guarantees our safety and jump voluntarily into the abyss of capitulation", said German military spokesman, Lt. Gen. Dittmar, in a radio talk to-night.

Marshal Zhukov appears to have smashed almost all resistance east of the Oder on a front of at least 40 miles and his troops are exploiting the chaos caused by the rapid German retreat back to the river says Reuter's Special Correspondent.

Soviet planes and guns are taking a stunning toll of the Germans still trying to reach the Oder's western bank.

The drive on Berlin is being renewed in full force over wide sectors of the crumbling Oder line. Events once more are beginning to move with a speed which suggests a dagger thrust into the heart of the Reich within the next few days. Tanks, artillery, infantry and aircraft are all hastening westwards.

If it is true that Marshal Zhukov has already crossed the Oder east of Berlin, as one German report asserts, there is no doubt he has carried out one of the boldest strokes of the war.

He seems to have taken the direct road to Berlin.

It is clear that the Oder line will meet no better fate than so many other "impregnable" German defences. Marshal Zhukov's Cossacks at present racing over the Brandenburg Plain may yet drive on to Berlin before February ends.

Balancing On High Rope

Lieut. Gen. Dittmar in his talk said: "We are balancing on a high rope and must at every step be conscious of the peril of falling into the abyss which yawns on both sides.

Every false or hesitating or ill-conceived step can bring about the fall. The Soviet command is at present replenishing its effectives with which to launch fresh decisive attacks. Our own High Command is faced with the difficult task of carrying out its counter-measures faster than was planned and taking care at the same time not to let the steps outrun sound sense.

I should like to add concerning conditions today that calm and surefootedness alone can prevent us from falling into the abyss."

"The demand for unconditional surrender has to be regarded as a demand to the German people to give full powers to him who means to use them for the extermination of the German people.

What today is demanded of the German people is no less than voluntary suicide. There is no choice left to us. Nobody should think I am blind to the misery of our life and the unheard of strain to which our troops are subjected.

Yet all this is not worse than the fate which would fall on the Germany that laid down her arms in unconditional surrender."

Iraq Regent In Palestine

AMMAN (Palestine), Feb. 5.

Emir Abdul Illah Regent of Iraq together with the Premier of Iraq, Nuri Said Pasha has arrived here with the object of discussing with Emir Abdullah on various Arab questions.

NO PURCHASE OF DIAMONDS FOR U. S. IN LONDON

NEW YORK, Feb. 3: Counsel for Debeers Consolidated Mines Limited, one of the nine concerns charged with conspiracy to monopolise diamonds, declared that the restraining order issued on Monday in the Federal Court "has effectively stopped buying of industrial diamonds for the United States in London."—Reuter.

Indian Journalists Abroad Protest Against M. M. Prasad's Internment

LONDON, Feb. 6: The Indian Journalists and Writers' Association abroad at an emergency meeting to-night (Tuesday) passed a resolution protesting against the internment order served on Murli Monahar Prasad editor, Patna "Searchlight".—Reuter.

Gandhiji Going To Delhi Early In March

WARDHA, Feb. 7.

It is understood that Mahatma Gandhi will leave for Delhi in the first week of March to attend a meeting of Kasturba Memorial Trustees.

Professor J. K. Kumarappa, Secretary All-India Village Industrial Association, and Mr. Kamalnayan Bajaj arrived here to-day. Doctors have advised Prof. Kumarappa to take rest for some time.—A. P.

BRITAIN PROJECTS NEW CANAL

LONDON, Feb. 6: Britain is planning the greatest engineering project of the century—a new canal linking the port of Akka, north of Haifa in Palestine, with the Gulf of Akaba at the top of the Red Sea, after passing through the Dead Sea, according to a "Daily Sketch" correspondent. Pointing out that the Suez Canal reverts absolutely to Egypt in 1968, the correspondent says that with a modern plant the new canal can be built more cheaply and more quckly than the Suez Canal, which today is neither deep or broad enough for the biggest ships. The correspondent adds that surveys have already been at work and report that the project can be carried out easily.—Reuter.

No Foreign Aerodromes In Egypt After War

CAIRO, Feb. 6.

The Egyptian Prime Minister, Ali Maher Pasha told the Chamber today: "Egypt will not tolerate foreign owned aerodromes on her soil after the war." He was answering Fikry Abaza Bey, Nationalist, who complained that the proposal was tabled by the United States Congress to make Egypt an international air base with 500 planes, without Egypt being officially informed —Reuter.

India Estate Duty Bill Passes Lords

LONDON, Feb. 6: The India Estate Duty Bill was given third reading in the Lords to-day without division.—Reuter.

De Gaulle To Restore Confiscated Property

PARIS: The property of Jews confiscated by the Nazi-controller Vichy Administration in its application of German laws will be restored forthwith to the former owners. Restitution may prove a task of great magnitude since the confiscation affected tens of thousands of persons from wealthy bankers down.—India Press Service.

Allied Repatriated Prisoners

LIVERPOOL, Feb, 6: With 764 British and Dominion and Allied repatriated prisoners on board the British liner "Arundel Castle" arrived here to-night. The men returned to a siren welcome from ferry boats and other craft in the river.

More than half the men will have to stay on board all night before being allowed to travel to hospital tomorrow.

SPEEDING UP U. S. AID TO CHINA

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6—The United States Foreign Economic Administrator Mr. Leo T. Crowley, announced last night that a programme had been designed to speed up supply and transportation of Lend-Lease materials for China.

The programme provides for: establishment of a centralised transportation system in China: assignment by presidential directives of a fleet of 15,000 American made lorries under the Lend-Lease for operation in China: completion of a pipeline from Calcutta through Burma into China: employment of American technicians in China to aid in organising transport system: and training of Chinese in the United States in transportation, agriculture, engineering and other fields.

AUSTRALIAN PRODUCTS FOR NEW ZEALAND

WELLINGTON (New Zealand), Feb. 4: The opinion that New Zealand's unfavourable trade balance of approximately 5,000,000 with Australia could be reduced by encouraging Australian manufacturers producing for the New Zealand market to establish plants in New Zealand was expressed on Saturday by the Opposition leader Mr. S. G. Holland.—Reuter.

EX-DICTATOR OF GREECE TO BE TRIED

ATHENS, Feb. 6: Gen. Theodore Pangalos, dictator of Greece in 1926 to-day officially asked to be tried as collaborationist.

Pangalos was arrested after the liberation of Greece on a charge of collaborating with Security Battalions. He was interned in the Averoff Prison and wounded during the fighting in December. The police officers who arrested Pangalos have taken to the mountains and are themselves charged with having taken part in the ELAS rebellion. In their absence the investigating magistrate has been unable to find any evidence against Gen. Pangalos. He is free at present.

"Germany is balancing on a high rope and is conscious of the peril of falling into the abyss which yawns on both sides"—says Hitler's military spokesman Lt. Gen. Dittmar. (U. S. O. W. I. Photo.)

EAM-Govt. Talks Progressing Well

Flour Mill Worker Fires Revolver Shot At Labour Exchange Chief

ATHENS, Feb. 6.

To-day's nine hour meeting between EAM and Greek Government delegates took place in a "spirit of mutual understanding, giving indications that the conference may be brought to a final agreement" states an official announcement.

It added that the discussions "may possibly come to an end to-morrow".

Three revolver shots were fired at dusk to-night in the central part of Athens at the President of the Athens Labour Exchange, M. Telemachus Tziakos. He escaped unhurt, but two persons were wounded.

A flour mill worker, John Lolis was arrested. He is alleged to have said that he wished to avenge himself on M. Tziakos for denouncing him as the "ELAS Terrorist" responsible for the murder of the former President of the Athens Labour Exchange, named M. Blitis.—Reuter.

WHEN HITLER MORALISES!

MOSCOW: An inside story of a meeting of German Generals, Admirals and the Nazi leaders with Hitler at his mountain resort in Berchtesgaden some time back was told by Lieut.-General Hoffmeister, the Commander of the 41st Panzer Corps who was captured by Russians recently.

"I was one of the 150 Generals and Admirals who met Hitler", he said in a broadcast from Moscow, the other day, and" I came away with a feeling that a mad man stood at the head of the Reich.

He went on narrating his impressions of the meeting:—

"Hitler told them that for him Germany's present defeats, the sufferings of millions of wounded and the sorrows of millions of widows, children and parents were only episodes in the vast panorama of life".

"Himmler who was at the meeting told the assembly that he expected a rising inside Germany but asserted that he was preparing to deal with the rebellions. Goebbels adopted a confident tone. He said that the German people were like a man suffering from inflammation of the lungs. The fever was rising every minute. The crisis was near. The generals were like doctors. If they told the patient that there was no hope for recovery, he would certainly die. If they adopted a confident bedside manners, there was just a chance that he might recover".—India Press Service.

SIEGFRIED LINE DOUBLED IN DEPTH

STOCKHOLM: The Siegfried line has been doubled in depth by emergency defence works extending back to 30 to 40 miles, according to Swedish correspondents in Berlin.—India Press Service.

Chairs For Russian And Chinese

The Allahabad University is considering a proposal to set up chairs for the Russian and Chinese languages.

FRENCH GESTAPO MAN RECAPTURED

PARIS, Feb. 3: Gabriel Meunier member of the French Gestapo, has been recaptured in Paris after escaping from Sante Prison some days ago.—Reuter.

RS. 15,000 WORTH OF JEWELLERY MISSING

Bhaishankar Someshvar Trivedi, a cook, who three hours after he was engaged, decamped with Rs. 15,000 worth of jewellery belonging to his employer was arrested in Baroda and brought to Bombay.

It is learnt that a lady living in Mahendra Mansions engaged a cook on January 22. Three hours' later she found her jewellery missing; also the cook. She complained to the police who traced him to Baroda.

Sentenced To Year's Detention For Assaulting Constable

BANGALORE, Feb. 6.

For striking a police constable in Bangalore, Private Wilfred Booth has been charged with civil offence of common assault. He has been tried by a Military Court Martial, found guilty and sentenced to one year's detention.—A.P.

Khuhro Committed To Sessions

SUKKUR, Feb. 7.

Khan Bahadur Khuhro, his brother Mr. Muhammad Nawaz and three others were today committed to the sessions for the murder of the late Mr. Allahabux, by Mr. M. H. Sufi-Sub-Divisional Magistrate of Shikarpur. The Magistrate framed charges under section 120 B read with 302 (Conspiracy and Murder) against all the five.—A.P.

The Sind Government have directed that the proposed medical college in Karachi should be named "The Dow Medical College" as a token of their appreciation of the particular interest evinced by His Excellency the Governor and Lady Dow in the medical affairs of the province, according to a Press Note.

Japs Fight Grim House-To-House Battle In Manila

Wantonly Set Fire To Business Area And Practise General Sabotage

LUZON, Feb. 6.

House to house fighting is in progress in some sectors of Manila, as American troops and freed prisoners fought widespread fires set by trapped Japanese defenders, General MacArthur announced.

"The Japanese wantonly set on fire the downtown business district along Escolta and are practicing general sabotage and destruction," it is officially stated.

General MacArthur stated the fire has no relation to military operations. American patrols who have sealed off all the roads leading into the Bataan peninsula are probing southwards along the coast."

"In the first corps sector, the Forty-third Division repulsed an enemy night counter-attack on our position north-east of Rosario inflicting heavy casualties.

Southward our forces captured San Jose, most of Cupao and are clearing the enemy from positions on the high ground near Rizal."

"Our troops, attacking an isolated enemy strongpoint at Munoz, made steady progress against stubborn resistance. Eleven enemy tanks were destroyed in this general area", stated the communique.

MANILA.—Suicide Japanese machine-gun squads are making a grim stand in Manila says Reuter's special correspondent.

They are blazing away at the Americans from behind sandbagged and barricaded strong points in the houses.

The battle for Manila is going to be a stiff street to street operation with tanks battering Japanese strong points and infantry wriggling in through the rubble to finish off the resistance with Tommyguns.

Yanks Land On Poro Island

SANFRANCISCO, Feb. 6

A Japanese radio broadcast heard here said that 3,000 American troops have been landed on Poro Island in the Camotes sea about halfway between Leyte and Cebu in the Philippines.—Reuter.

The Indian Journalists and Writers Association abroad at an emergency meeting tonight passed a resolution protesting against the internment order served on Manohar Prasad, Editor, Patna "Searchlight."—Reuter.

PRINCE OFFERS RS.10,000 FOR SHOW-DOG

Owners Refuse To Part With Prize Winning Alsatian

BOMBAY, Feb. 6.

An offer of Rs. 10,000—perhaps the highest in this country for a show-dog—was, it is learnt, made by the Maharajkumar of Morvi for "Elman of Concord" which won the championship in yesterday's Kennel Club show.

Apparently the Maharajkumar is a very good judge of dogs, as the very next day he made the offer, the Alsatian walked away with several challenge cups and was adjudged the best exhibit in the show.

The owners Mrs. D. Graveston and Mr. H. Linwood promptly turned down the offer.—A. P.

RAI SHRI KISHEN'S RESIGNATION GROUNDLESS

Press Note Exposes Fictitious Excuses

(From Our Correspondent.)
HYDERABAD, (By Mail.)

Government have made their position clear in a press note on the resignation of Rai Shri Kishen from the Financial Advisory Committee.

It will be remembered that a Memorandum by Rai Shri Kishen, who was member of the Financial Advisory Committee, was published in the "Rahbar-e-Deccan" some time ago together with his letter of resignation and the incidental correspondence.

In this connection Government in the Finance Department has issued a press note in the course of which it is stated that the memorandum, embodying the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting, should have been submitted to the President before publication.

"The Rai Saheb neither approached the President of the Committee nor referred to his alleged complaints in the subsequent meeting of the Committee.

Besides as the objections of the Rai Saheb related to those proposals the rebellions, Goebbels adopted a which were deleted from 1352 F. Budget as per His Exalted Highness' Commands, it was understood that the Rai Saheb had no more complaints regarding the procedure of work of the Committee."

The Committee was consulted in regard to the proposals relating to the Excess Profit Tax, the Compulsory Savings Schemes, etc. The question of issuing Treasury Bills was also placed before the Committee and the Finance Department was pleased to note that all these proposals were either accepted unanimously or with a majority of favourable votes. The Rai Saheb had agreed with all these decisions.

In regard to the complaints regarding the speedy proceedings of the Committee on the budget the reasons have been already stated.

"The Rai Saheb has based his resignation on the proceedings of the meeting held on 2nd Aban, 1353 F. Rai Shri Kishen did not raise any objection in the meeting, but on the other hand supported his colleagues.

CONGRESS SPINNERS TO INCREASE IN ANDHRA

Sub-Committees Set Up For National Uplift

BEZWADA, Feb. 6.

The Andhra Provincial Congress Assembly Working Committee which was elected at Ellore by the provincial assembly includes two women, two Harijans, two Muslims and 14 others among whom are the following M. L. A's. Messrs. A. Kaleswara Rao, M. Bapineedu, V. Pallam Raju, B. Gopala Reddi, Kalluri Subbarao, Viswanadham, Seetharama Reddi and V. Coormayya (Harijan M. L. A.).

The Assembly authorized the Working Committee to appoint various subcommittees for women, Harijans, Kissans, labour, students, youths, communal unity, khaddar, village industries and sanitation, basic education, economic equality, propaganda and finance.

The Working Committee, which will meet at Bezwada on February 20, will appoint members of these various subcommittees and will also define the relationship of the Kisan Congress, Labour Congress and Student Congress with the Provincial Congress Assembly.

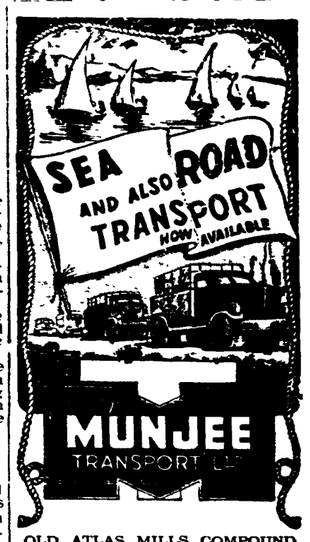
The yarn franchise of 840 yards of self-spun yarn per month is compulsory to all members including those of the village samities.

It is expected that several thousands of Congress spinners will come into existence in the Andhra Province.—A. P.

POPULARITY OF CONGRESS.

Mr. A Kaleswara Rao, former Chief Parliamentary Secretary, in a statement congratulating Mr. Thirumal Rao, the official Congress candidate, on his success in the Council of State bye-election, says: "This proves conclusively the popularity of the Congress even in plutocratic and aristocratic circles and the strong opposition to the present policy of the British Government throughout the country."—A. P.

PARIS: A new Franco-British financial agreement is expected to be signed in the near future.



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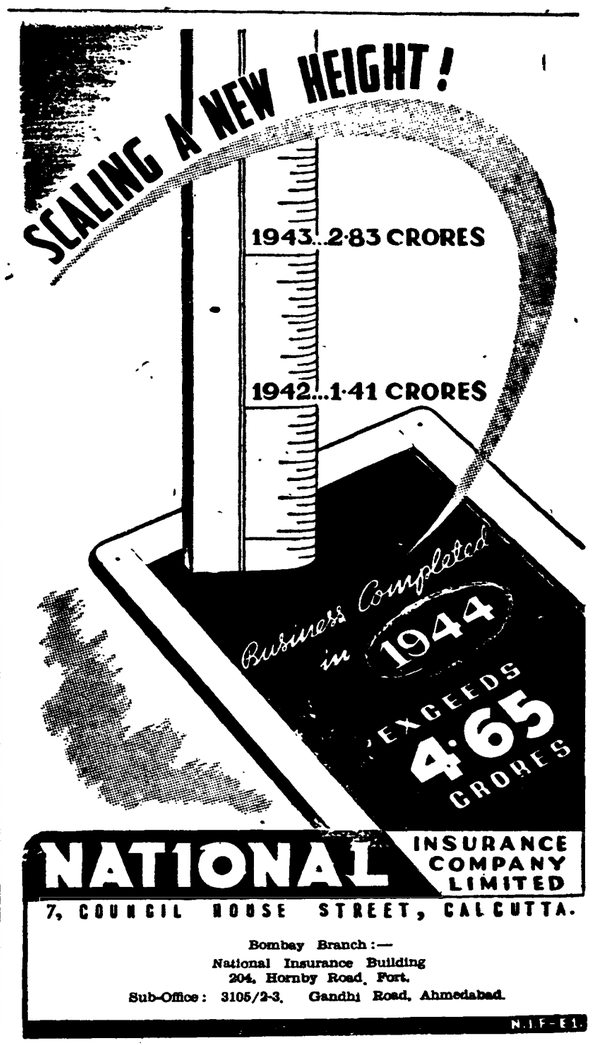

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Share Bazar Dull Awaiting Fresh Developments

BULLION MARKET CONTINUES UPWARD MARCH

Cotton Remains Quiet With Limited Business

BOMBAY, February 7.

As a result of day's working, the Bombay Stock Exchange showed further small declines in popular shares. Small improvement attracted selling and the decline induced some covering and scattered buying. The market was dull and the support was not impressive. The market looks like grinding for some time with more disposition to await fresh developments.

The Bullion Market remains highly speculative and long liquidation is easily absorbed as new buyers are coming in as a result of good offtake in the ready market. Present quotations are not attractive and holders of Stock come out to unload, the market may experience a rude jerk.

Cotton was dull and uninteresting with moderate business. Demand for ready remains moderate.

The Share Bazar under the influence of higher Bullion quotations opened steady but quotations again sagged under renewed selling. At the decline there was scattered short covering which saved the market from a further decline and quotations rallied few points but tone was quiet. The last drop resulted into heavy losses to bulls and now they have no nerve to enter the market in the face of pre-Budget uncertainty and continued good war news. Thus unless old operators re-enter the market to replace their purchases, the market sentiment is likely to be unimpressive. Tata Steel Defd shares opened at Rs. 2095 and after declining to Rs. 2062 rallied to Rs. 2075. Ordinary shares opened at Rs. 390 and after declining to Rs. 385 rallied to Rs. 387. Bombay Dyeing shares opened at Rs. 1780 and after declining to Rs. 1760 steadied at Rs. 1770. Kohinoor shares opened at Rs. 602 and downturned to Rs. 586 on increased selling due to disappointment over expectations of Rs. 18 dividend.

Later on there was a moderate support and quotations slightly improved. Tata Steel Dfds. were done at Rs. 2082, Ordinary at Rs. 389. Bombay Dyeing at Rs. 1,775 and Kohinoors were quoted at Rs. 591.

Gold & Silver

STEADY OFFTAKE IN READY MARKET

The local bullion market was again steady on continued good offtake in ready market. It appears that professional operators are manipulating the market very cleverly. Some time they push up Silver and budlee differences become abnormal they divert their attention to Gold and thus keep the market lively and attract speculative interest.

The Reserve Bank of India sold today 300 bars of Silver at Rs. 122/2 and 15,000 tolas Gold at Rs. 71/2. These sales were readily absorbed.

Forward Gold opened at Rs. 70/8 and declined to Rs. 70/2 and later steadied at Rs. 70/4. Ready Gold was placed at Rs. 71. Forward Silver opened at Rs. 121/12 and after declining to Rs. 121/10 advanced to Rs. 122/8 and later steadied at Rs. 122/2. Ready Silver was placed at Rs 122/6.

The recent firmness induced heavy short covering in Silver and the technical position of the market is rendered weak. Thus it is advisable to liquidate holdings. Closing quotations were as under Ready Silver Rs. 123/12. Forward Rs. 123/8. Ready Gold Rs. 71/14. Forward Rs. 71/2.

BHUJ, Feb. 7.
To-day Hundi Kories 353/8.

Bombay Cotton

The cotton market opened today at Rs. 444/8 for March delivery and under scattered buying improved to Rs. 444/12. At this level there appeared scattered liquidation and March declined to Rs. 443/8. The market was dull and uninteresting and is likely to remain in this state for some time to come.

The market was dull with limited business and movement was narrow. The market closed at 6 p.m. as under:

I.C.C. March	.....	443	8 0
I.C.C. May	.....	454	0 0
I.C.C. July	.....	465	8 0

HIGH & LOW COTTON PRICES

	High	Low	Close
I.C.C. March	445/8	563/4	444/8
I.C.C. March	445/8	443/4	444/8
I.C.C. July	467	465	466
Karachi March	46/5/3		46/0/3

COTTON PARITY

Indian Cotton March Contract is 471 cent points below New York March at Exchange rate 331.

STEADY DECLINE IN N. Y. COTTON PRICES

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.

On Tuesday the New York cotton market was quiet with a moderate business. The market opened at about the highest level of the day and closed at the lowest. There was some long liquidation and hedge selling which was absorbed by trade buying and mill price fixing. War reports were again good and the market closed barely steady. At the opening March was quoted 21.93 and July was done at 21.43. Later on March decline to 21.86. The session closed at a net decline of 4 to 7 points. Spot cotton price was reduced 7 points at 22.18c per lb.

NEW YORK COTTON

March	21.86—07
May	21.72—06
July	21.36—07
October	20.73—05
December	20.65—04
January	20.59—04
March highest (10 a.m.)	21.93
March lowest (3 p.m.)	21.86—07
Middling Spot	22.18—07

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

March	21.85—06
May	21.76—05
July	21.41—05
Middling Spot	21.30—05

NOON CALL

March	21.89
May	21.74
July	21.38

RECORD ACTUAL TRANSACTIONS IN SHARES.

BOMBAY, Feb. 7.

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Apollo 4/0/6 3/15/4
B. Dyeing 1782/8 67/8 77/8 58/12 71/4 66/4 76/4 72/8 78/12 75 82/8 76/4 77/8
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BOMBAY PRODUCE

BOMBAY, Feb. 7.

The produce market was quiet and was awaiting decision of Nizam permits: Groundnuts Bombay Bold stood at Rs. 14/10 and Khandesh quality were done at Rs. 15/2. Mogalai Bold were quoted at Rs. 13/8 and Mogalai quality stood at Rs. 14/4. Goa delivery was done at Rs. 14/7. Castorseeds Bombay Ready Rs. 15/12. Navlakhi Rs. 15/7 and Goa were quoted at Rs. 15/9. January/March delivery was also quoted at Rs. 15/9. Linseed C.P. and U.P. was placed at Rs. 15/8/6. G.I.P. Stations Rs. 15/8 and N. S. Ry. was quoted at Rs. 15/5. Patna Linseed stood at Rs. 15/3 and tone was quietly steady.

THIS WEEK SEES SEVEN CRORES UP

BOMBAY, Feb. 7.

The weekly statement of the Reserve Bank of India for the week-end 2nd Feb. shows an increase of about Rs. 7 crores in total note issue.

RESERVE BANK OF INDIA.
ISSUE DEPARTMENT.
LIABILITIES.

Notes held in the Banking Department Rs. 8,07,54,000; Notes in circulation Rs. 1042,95,04,000; Total Notes issued Rs. 1051,02,58,000. Total Liabilities Rs. 1051,02,58,000.

ASSETS.

A. Gold Coin and Bullion:—(a) Held in India Rs. 44,41,43,000; Sterling Securities Rs. 936,32,89,000; Total of A. Rs. 980,74,32,000; B. Rupee Coin Rs. 12,44,26,000; Government of India Rupee Securities Rs. 57,83,97,000. Total Assets Rs 1051,02,58,000.

Ratio of Total of A to Liabilities: 93.313 per cent.

LIABILITIES

Capital paid up Rs. 5,00,00,000; Reserve Fund Rs. 5,00,00,000;

Deposits:—
(a) Government.
(1) Central Government of India Rs. 256,88,53,000; (2) Government of Burma Rs. 97,43,000; (3) Other Government Accounts Rs. 20,95,41,000;
(b) Banks Rs. 71,54,42,000; (c) Others 19,49,44,000; Bills Payable Rs. 4,56,26,000; Other Liabilities Rs. 13,52,60,000; Rupees 397,94,09,000

ASSETS

Notes Rs. 8,07,54,000; Rupee Coin Rs. 20,26,000; Subsidiary Coin Rs. 1,98,000

Bill Purchased and Discounted:—
(c) Government Treasury Bills Rs. 6,60,02,000; Balances held abroad * Rs. 358,27,48,000; Loans and Advances to Governments Rs. 3,00,000; Other Loans and Advances Rs. 28,00,000; Investments Rs. 20,31,23,000; Other Assets Rupees 397,94,09,000.

*Includes Cash and Short term Securities.

MONEY MARKET.

BOMBAY, Feb. 7.

LONDON: Banks buying 90 days/st. 1/6 1/4 1 and 2 months, 1/6 9/32 3 to 6 months.

B. C. RATES: T T 1/5 15/16 D D 1/5 15/16.

Banks selling T T 1/5 31/32 D D 1/5 31/32.

Banks buying T T 1/6 1/32 D D 1/6 1/8.

LDN/NEW YORK:
Banks selling T T Rs. 332 3/4 D D Rs. 332 3/4.

Banks buying T T Rs. 329 1/2 D D Rs. 327

LDN/MONTREAL:
Banks selling T T Rs. 302 1/2 D D Rs. 302 1/2.

Banks buying T T Rs. 297 3/4 D D Rs. 295 1/4.

Tone of Sterling Exchange:—Quiet, dull.

Reserve Bank Rate 3 p c. Bank of England Rate 2 p c.

Money:—Call, one and two months 1/4 p c, 3 to 6 months 1/2 p c, 6 to 11 months 3/4 p.c, 12 months 1 1/4 p c.

Tone:—Easy.

SCARCITY OF YARN

BOMBAY, Feb. 7.

The important event during the last fortnight has been the freezing of all stocks of yarn by the Provincial Textile Controller, Bombay, received as well as to be received in Bombay by quota-holders against their quotas not only from the local mills but also from the up-country mills. Such an action taken by the Provincial Textile Controller at a time when negotiations were going on between the local yarn Associations and the Provincial Textile Controller created a surprise not only in the local market but also in all important consuming centres. In any case, dealers and quota holders have no other course but to wait and watch further developments. It is hoped however that the Provincial Textile Controller will take immediate steps to see that the frozen yarns are distributed as quickly as possible to genuine buyers such as handloom weavers, powerloom factories and others under his direct supervision and instructions. In the meantime acute scarcity of yarns continues not only in the local market but in all important consuming centres throughout India and handloom weavers as well as powerloom factories and other factories have been not only put to a very serious inconvenience but also to a very great loss due to continued unavailability of the yarns required by them. It is very surprising to find that scarcity consists not only in fine yarns but also in medium and even in very coarse yarns and the situation has been going from bad to worse. The new yarn scheme prepared by the Textile Controller could not be discussed by the Distribution Committee probably for want of time and it is difficult to say when the scheme will now be fully discussed and brought into operation after making all the necessary changes. The only relieving feature during the last few days has been the constant peace rumours as a result of very favourable progress of the European war.

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE

BOMBAY, Feb. 7.

Tata Ordinary 388 Tata Deferred 2085 Indian Iron 38/8 Steel Corpn. of Bengal 31/12 Bombay Dyeing 1772/8 Central India 386/4 Century 900 Gokak 245 Kohinoor 590 Simplex 251 Andhra Valley 1810 Tata Hydro 205/10 Tata Power 1890 Associated Cement 227 Belapur 220 Bombay Burma (Old) 555.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

LONDON, Feb. 6.

	£
Rupee Paper 3-1/2 p c	72-3/4
Consols 2-1/2 p c	32-3/8
Conversion Loan 3-1/2 p c 1961	106-7/8
War Loan 3-1/2 p c	104-7/8
Funding Loan 4 p c 1960/90	114-7/16
Victory Bonds 4 p c	112-7/8
Chartered Bank of I. A. & China	10-3/4
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank (London Reg.)	86
National Bank of India	42-3/4

MOVE TO REDUCE COTTON ACREAGE

Need For More Statistics

"At the Indian Central Cotton Committee's half yearly meeting many important questions affecting the future of Indian cotton were reviewed, of which the proposal to evolve a short term cotton plan for the curtailment of cotton area was one. Discussion of the report of the planning sub-committee revealed that the Provincial Governments and Indian States were agreed on the question of reducing acreage under cotton by 2,000,000 acres as against 3,100,000 acres recommended by the Sub-Committee. The Committee felt the target aimed at by the Sub-Committee should be accepted so that the area under Indian cotton would be reduced next year to 16,100,000 acres as against 19,200,000 acres in 1942-43. The original aim was to curtail the area under short staple cottons by 2,000,000 acres and that under low-grade medium staple cottons by 1,100,000 acres.

"To implement this plan, the Committee came to the conclusion that (1) there should be no increase in areas under styles, not proposed for reduction over the areas in 1942-43, or 1943-44, whichever is less (2) Irrigation water should not be supplied for producing short staple cotton in canal irrigated tracts; (3) the reduction proposed in different administrations should be enforced compulsorily; and (4) the mixing of cotton should be prohibited immediately by Central legislation.

The Committee also decided to urge the Government of India to continue as a permitted feature cotton statistics, the compilation of statistics of Indian mill consumption and the stocks and receipts at mills of Indian and foreign cotton by varieties which are now being furnished compulsorily under the Defence of India Rules.

Since the statistical information compiled and issued to the public by the Government leaves much to be desired as even Sir Ardeshir Dalal had stressed in one of his recent statements, it is high time that this most necessary reform is introduced to ensure the publication of uptodate statistical data with regard to carryover, production and distribution of cotton both on geographical and varietal basis."

MADRAS SHARE MARKET.

MADRAS, Feb. 7.

Following are to-day's quotations:—

SUGAR AND BREWERIES: Deccan (10) 39D (25) 93; India Sugar 34; Mysore Sugar 61/8; South India 16/8; Travancore 14/10.

PLANTINGS: Cochin Malabar 15/12; Chembra Peaks 9/10; Fingfords 17/6; Nellithanam Cd 14/8; Pullangodees 3; Thirumbadi 4/8; Vaikundam 20; Vellamalai 29/8; Vellitam 30; Woodlands 11/12.

TEXTILES: Bangalore Wool 467 B and C Ordy 312; Coimbatore Murugan 191 do (new) 99; Kaleeswarar 725; Kthari Tex 32/12; Lakshmi 152/8; do new 74; Pankaja 281; Ranga Vilas 148/8; Sitaram Spg. 182; Vaantha 312/8.

MISCELLANEOUS: And Cement 109; Bruntons 12; Hind Trust 26; Ind St Roll 9; Mysore Chem and Fert 25/12; Mysore Glass Enamel 23; Mettur Chem 16/2 do defd 6/4; Singareni 21/8; Spencer 13/8.

AHMEDABAD SHARE MARKET.

AHMEDABAD, Feb. 7.

Influenced by favourable war news and lower Bombay advices local shares initially ruled weak on general liquidation and speculative selling but later prices steadied up on bull support and active short covering at advancing rates.

To-day's closing quotations:—

Arvind 1,480; Ambika 491; Calico 1,402; Jupiter 362; New Textile 937/8/0; New Jahangir 1,350; Bulakhi 380; Bhalakia 180; Bharatkhand Textile 892/8/0; Morris 156; Mahalaxmi 1,545; Marsdon 193; Monogram 162; Robit 362/8/0; Vikram 377/8/0; Vijay 475; Saraspur 602.

THANA MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS ON MARCH 3.

(From Our Correspondent.)

THANA, Feb. 5

The date of Thana Municipal elections has been fixed to be 3rd March and the date for filling nomination papers was 31st January. Some candidates have withdrawn their nomination papers. In all 55 applications have been received for 29 seats.

Mohamedan wards have set up only two persons for the two seats namely Messrs. Basir Kazi and Jaffer Karim. They can be treated as duly elected. Similarly for the women's seat there is only one candidate Mrs. Nandgaonker as Mrs. Chitnis and Miss Sonalker have withdrawn their nomination papers. For the Christian Mr. Almeida has been elected unopposed.

Poor Quality Of Govt. News Reels Deplored

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

A resolution viewing with concern the slow progress in respect of quality in the production of documentaries, instructional and propaganda films and news-reels made by the Government of India was passed by the Managing Committee of the Independent Film Producers' Association, Bombay, yesterday.

The Committee requested the Government to appoint a small committee consisting of the members of the Central Legislature and representatives of the Indian film industry to study the production, distribution and exhibition problems of short films, to make recommendations in the light of past experience, to encourage their production both by official and non-official agencies and to set up permanently a new branch of the industry in the post-war era.

Maintenance Suit Against R. I. N. Officer

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

John Armanayagam, a lieutenant of the Royal Indian Navy, former secretary of the Madras Y.M.C.A., and an M.A., of the Madras University figured before Mr. R. Mathalone, Presidency Magistrate, Esplanade Court, as a respondent in a maintenance suit brought against him, by Mrs. Elizabeth Bhaskaran, his friend's widow, through whom he is alleged to have begotten an illegitimate child and then disappeared.

Followed by her brother who was carrying the child, Mrs. Bhaskaran confronted her alleged seducer and told the Court the details of her alleged betrayal. She said that round about 1942 she lost her husband. The respondent, a family friend, used to meet her at her place to console her in her bereavement. Sympathy led to an understanding and he made an offer for marriage, which she accepted.

On such understanding she consented to his persuasion and lived with him. When, however, the respondent discovered that she had become pregnant, he disappeared from the house and also from Madras. She lost all trace of the father of her child.

Later, she learnt that he was in Bombay and was a Commissioned officer in the R.I.N. she took all her belongings and her child and came to Bombay. Once she met him in the house of a friend, where she asked him to marry her, to which he is alleged to have replied with abuses and slaps. She repeated her demand another time, near V. T., where she saw him, when he is alleged to have threatened that he would get her "jailed", if she caused trouble.

Mr. T. G. Lobo, who defended the respondent, said in the Court that his client wished to avoid unpleasant publicity, which was inevitable if the case went on; he might also lose his job. Hence, though his instructions were that the girl was trying to blackmail his client, he was prepared to pay Rs. 1,000, if the case was compounded. The bid was later raised to Rs. 2,500, but the girl refused.

Mr. Y. S. Chaudhury appeared for the plaintiff and Mr. T. G. Lobo for the defendant.

The case was postponed to 13th.

'PRIZE COUPONS' IMPOUNDED

C. I. D. Arrest 2 Persons For Alleged Breach Of Paper Control Order

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Shantilal Jethalal Master, owner of the Bullion Watch Company situated at Kalbadevi Road, and Laxmidas Mohanlal Shindhwad, the owner of a press, were arrested under the Government Paper Control order and put up before Mr. R. Mathalone at the Esplanade Court. They were ordered to be released on bails of Rs. 2,000 each.

Sub-Inspector Umerkhan of the General Branch of the City Police stated that their department received a letter from the Reserve Bank to the effect that the First Accused had issued "prize coupons", which resembled one rupee notes, "I promise to pay the bearer, etc." found in notes of higher denomination than one rupee, and all other details. The colour scheme was meticulously reproduced. Instead of the picture of the King Emperor on one side was the picture of Shantilal Jethalal Master," who issued the coupons.

When the police officer made a search, he found books of 500 coupons from which a certain number had been detached and an order for a further supply of 18,000 with the second accused, who executed the orders.

Both the accused were arrested for contravening the Paper Control Order.

CALCUTTA, Feb. 6: The National Council of the Y.M.C.A. of India reports that it now has 76 centres in India, serving British, Indian and West African troops. The National Council also runs 30 centres for Indian troops only outside India.

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Minimum standard for pay at Rs. 125 per mensem—shorthand 100 words per minute, typing 35 words per minute. Only those who can pass a test at the speed stated need apply.

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(a) Free preliminary training for one month, with allowance of Rs. 60/- per mensem. (b) Initial pay on appointment will be Rs. 60/- p.m. plus dearness allowance. Annual increments of Rs. 5/- up to Rs. 100/-

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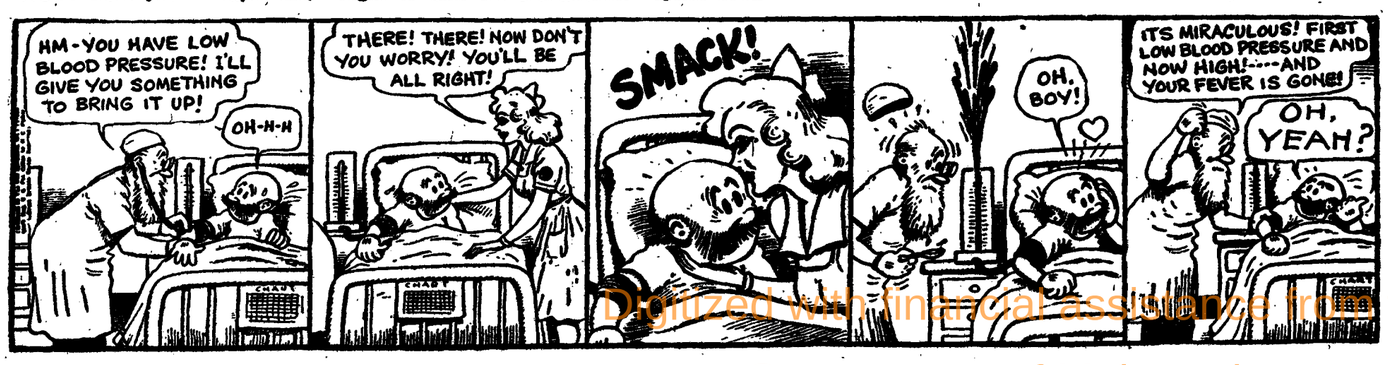
MUTT AND JEFF—Maybe they ought to turn the thermometer upside down — By BUD FISHER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PUBLIC NOTICES

BOMBAY PORT TRUST

SEALED TENDERS ARE INVITED by the Chief Engineer, Bombay Port Trust, for the supply of approximately 2,800 Brass of Dharamtar Sand for General Works and Railway for the year from 1st April, 1945 to 31st March, 1946.

Conditions of contract, Specifications and Tender Form can be obtained from the Office of the Chief Engineer on payment of Rs. 2|- and no tender will be considered which is not made on prescribed form or which is not accompanied by a deposit of Rs. 600|- by crossed cheque as earnest money which deposit will be returned.

Tenders will be received upto 1-0 P.M. (N.S.T.) on Monday 19th February, 1945.

G. E. TERREY,
M. Inst. C. E.,
Chief Engineer,
Bombay Port Trust.
Ballard Road, Fort, Bombay.
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PUBLIC NOTICES

MUNJEE TRANSPORT LTD.
Head Office:
AMAR BUILDING, FORT.
BOMBAY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIRST ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders of the Munjee Transport Ltd., will be held at the registered office, Amar Building, Sir Phirozshah Mehta Road, Fort, Bombay, on WEDNESDAY, the 28th day of February, 1945 at 4-30 P.M. (New S. Time) to transact the following business:—

(1) To receive the Report of the Directors and the audited accounts for the year ended 30th June 1944.
(2) To elect 10 Directors in place of Mr. Cassamally Munjee, Mr. M. A. Fazalbhoy, Mr. M. H. A. Fazalbhoy, Sir Chinubhai Madhowlal, Mr. Chandulal J. Shah, Mr. Sultan C. Munjee, Mr. Mahomed C. Munjee Mr. Karmally Munjee, Mr. M. C. Javeri and Mr. Mukhtar C. Munjee, who retire under Article 113 of the Articles of Association and being eligible offer themselves for re-election.
(3) To appoint auditors for the ensuing year and fix their remuneration. (Notice has been received from a member of the Company of his intention to propose Messrs. Chandabhoy & Jassoobhoy, Registered Accountants, as auditors of the Company for the ensuing year in place of Messrs. P. C. Hansotia & Co., the retiring auditors).
(4) To transact such other business as may be placed before the meeting by the chairman.

By order of the Board of Directors,
K. O. BADHEKA
Secretary.

Bombay, dated, 28-1-1945.

N. B.—The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Wednesday 14th February, 1945 to Thursday, 1st March, 1945, (both days inclusive). 2049

BENGAL NAGPUR RAILWAY
DELAY IN SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS

IN ORDER to expedite the settlement of claims the public are earnestly requested to assist this Railway, when corresponding with regard to claims, by observing the following points:

(1) Write a separate letter with regard to each individual claim.
(2) Invariably quote Claims Office references if there has been previous correspondence.
(3) Give full particulars of booking when preferring a claim and in all subsequent correspondence.

COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC MANAGER.
(2023)

UNIVERSITY OF BOMBAY
No. M. 895 of 1945

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for the post of Superintendent, Matriculation Department, University of Bombay, in the grade of Rs. 250-10-350. Applicants must be at least graduates with a Second Class, and must possess office experience of not less than five years. The selected candidate will be appointed on probation for one year and will be entitled to the benefit of the University Provident Fund. Applications stating age, educational qualifications and previous experience, should reach the Registrar not later than 20th February, 1945.

S. R. DONGERKERY,
University Registrar.
Bombay, 30th January, 1945. 1956

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
Department of Industries and Civil Supplies

COTTON WASTE

THE TEXTILE COMMISSIONER invites offers of Cotton Waste of the following types within the maximum prices shown against each type:

	Per cwt.
Reeling and Winding Waste Coloured .... Rs.	24-8-0
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The maximum prices stated are for supplies in press packed bales delivered f. o. r. Contractor's station or free Bombay delivery.

2. Separate offers in each case should be made for
(a) quantities available for immediate delivery.
(b) quantities to be delivered before 31st March, 1945.

3. Any contract which may be entered into as a result of these offers will be governed by the conditions contained in Form W. S. B. 133 included in the Pamphlet entitled "Department of Supply Conditions of Contract March 1942 Edition".

4. The offers may be submitted to the Office of the Textile Commissioner (Section P-12—C. W.), Hararvala Building, Wittet Road, Ballard Estate, Bombay, as and when contractors are in a position to offer with a guarantee of delivery.

Bombay, 6th February, 1945. 2048

PUBLIC NOTICES

THE BOMBAY SWADESHI CO-OPERATIVE STORES COMPANY, LIMITED.
Sir Pherozshah Mehta Road, Fort, Bombay.

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 17th February, 1945, to FRIDAY, the 2nd March, 1945, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board,
J. B. MORFURIA,
Manager.
Bombay, 8th February, 1945. 2043

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NOTICE

APPLICATIONS INVITED from British subjects for temporary posts of Stenographer in the Bureau of Public Information, Government of India, Salary Rs. 125-5-130-10-300 PLUS dearness and other allowances admissible under the rules. Posts likely to last for the duration of war. Few vacancies reserved for Muslims. Scheduled Castes and other Minority Communities. Minimum educational qualification matriculate. Candidates must possess speed of 100-120 words per minute in shorthand and 35|40 words per minute in typewriting. Selected candidates will have to appear for test and interview at their own expense. Applications should reach the Assistant Principal Information Officer, Bureau of Public Information, Government of India, New Delhi, not later than February 24, 1945. 2089

UNIVERSITY OF BOMBAY
SPECIAL CONVOCATION FOR CONFERRING DEGREES
12th February, 1945

THE SPECIAL CONVOCATION for conferring degrees which was announced to be held on the 10th February, 1945 will be held, instead on MONDAY, the 12th FEBRUARY, 1945.

By Order,
S. R. DONGERKERY,
University Registrar.
Bombay, 31st January 45. 1959

UNIVERSITY OF BOMBAY
ELECTION TO THE SENATE BY REGISTERED GRADUATES

AS REQUIRED by Statute 137(a), it is hereby notified that Saturday, the 17th March, 1945, has been fixed as the date of election to the Senate by Registered Graduates to fill up the vacancy which has occurred by reason of Professor B. B. Vyas' resignation of his membership of the Senate.

2. In accordance with Statute 138, Friday, the 23rd February, 1945, is fixed as the last date for the receipt of nominations in connection with the said election.

3. Under Statute 139, nomination papers must be in the prescribed form, and must be dated and signed by two electors and, where possible, must contain the names in full, addresses and designations, if any, of the two signatories and of the candidate nominated, and must reach the Registrar NOT LATER THAN 4 P.M. ON FRIDAY, THE 23RD FEBRUARY, 1945. No person shall be nominated as a candidate for election unless he signifies his consent on the nomination paper.

4. The Vice-Chancellor has fixed 5 p.m. on Friday, the 23rd February, 1945, for the scrutiny of nominations in the University Office. Candidates or their agents duly authorized by them in writing in this behalf will be entitled to be present at such scrutiny.

5. Printed forms of nomination will be supplied to any elector on application to the Registrar.

6. Only those whose names stand on the electoral roll of registered graduates on the 31st March, 1944, will be entitled to vote. Copies of the roll can be purchased at the office of the University Registrar at Rs. 5|- per copy of each of Supplements Nos. 1, 2 and 3, published in 1942, 1943 and 1944, respectively, POSTAGE EXTRA.

7. In the event of the election being contested, voting papers will be forwarded to the electors at least 15 clear days before the date of election. Voting will be by post according to the system of proportional representation by means of the single transferable vote, and full directions as regards the manner of voting and attestation will be given on the voting paper.

By Order,
S. R. DONGERKERY,
University Registrar.
Bombay, 3rd February, 1945. (2047)

G. I. P. RAILWAY

THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, Spl. Wks., G. I. P. Railway, Bombay, invites tenders upto 12 hours on 23rd February, 1945 for construction of 8 units 'K' type quarters at Vadala. The Form of Tender, Schedule and Conditions of Contract can be obtained from his Office on payment of Rs. 2 per set. Plans for the work will be supplied on an additional payment of Rs. 8 being made. These sums will not be refunded. 2046

PUBLIC NOTICES

THE BANK OF BARODA LIMITED
(Incorporated in Baroda, the liability of members being limited)

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SHARE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Bank of Baroda Ltd. will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, the 16th February, 1945 to THURSDAY the 8th March, 1945, both days inclusive.

W. G. GROUNDWATER,
General Manager.
Baroda.
1st February, 1945. 2058

NOTICE

WANTED in Bombay for the Head Office of a large Industrial Concern having under their control factories all over India an Experienced Costing and Statistics Assistant. Only men having worked in a similar capacity need apply giving briefly their educational qualifications, attainments and experience and enclosing copies of all testimonials to Box No. 2052, "Bombay Chronicle".

G. I. P. RAILWAY

THE DIVISIONAL ENGINEER, G. I. P. Railway, Poona, invites tenders upto 14 hours on 20-2-1945 for the construction of

(1) One 'F' type and 5 'H' type quarters.
(2) (a) Wireless station (b) Cipher office, at Sholapur.

2. The form of tender schedule and conditions of contract may be obtained from his Office on payment of Rs. 2 each for items (1) and (2). Plans for the work will be supplied on an additional payment of Rs. 3 per set. These sums will not be refunded. 2054

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Certificate for Share No. 14441 of the Gujarat Railways Company, Limited, standing in the name of Dodiya Motising Ranchhod has been LOST or MISLAID.

The public are hereby warned against purchasing or dealing with the above certificate in any way but are requested to give information about the same to the undersigned.

Name:
DODIYA MOTISING RANCHHOD,
Address:
Derol Taluka,
Kalol District Panchmahals.
6th February, 1945. (7252)

PRESS NOTE.

PERSONS who are employed in India on a temporary or duration of war basis on work of national importance connected with the war, and who are on the National Register in the United Kingdom and are otherwise qualified to vote, are eligible to make the requisite declaration for electoral registration as war workers abroad under the National Registration (Service Register) Regulations, 1944.

2. Persons brought out from the United Kingdom to serve in non-Government Organisations engaged on war work in India should apply at once to the Secretary, Defence Department (Man-power Section), Government of India, New Delhi, for further particulars if they desire to register, stating briefly the grounds on which they believe themselves to be eligible for registration, and in particular their National Registration Identity Number and nature of work in which they are engaged.

3. Government servants desiring to register can obtain information through their Departments.

4. These arrangements do 'not' apply to persons serving in the armed forces or to Merchant seamen.

5. As the qualifying date for registration in the United Kingdom is the 15th March 1945 persons desirous of making a declaration should apply without delay. 2059

BOMBAY MUNICIPALITY
(City Engineer's Department)
(Architectural Branch)

NOTICE.

TENDERS ARE INVITED for the supply of materials for the year 1945-46 and will be received on any day upto 1 P.M. (Bombay Time) on FRIDAY, the 16th February, 1945.

Tenders should be addressed to the Municipal Commissioner and delivered at the office of the Chief Accountant, Municipal Offices, Fort, Bombay, enclosed in a sealed cover bearing the description of the tender.

Forms of tender, specifications, etc., will be issued on payment of Rs. 5|- for each copy to any one deputed to receive them, by the City Engineer, who will, on application, give any further information that may be required.

In case of a firm, the names of all the partners must invariably be specified in the tender.

The Municipal Commissioner does not bind himself to accept the lowest or any tender.

N. B.—'Tenders must be brought duly sealed to the Municipal Office and delivered at the Chief Accountant's Office as directed above. Tenderers shall not be allowed to fill in or seal their tenders at the Chief Accountant's or any other municipal office.'

(Sd.) N. V. MODAK,
City Engineer.
Municipal Offices,
Hornby Road, Fort, Bombay. 2061

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE

WHEREAS JAMES CONNELL LTD. of Bombay (which has since been taken into Voluntary liquidation) agreed to sell to RUSTOMJEE MERWANJI PATEL and others the immovable property described in the 1st Schedule hereunder written and WHEREAS it is represented by the said Company that the title deeds and documents described in the Second Schedule hereunder were destroyed in consequence of the fire following the explosion which occurred in Bombay on the 14th of April, 1944. Notice is therefore hereby given on behalf of the said Company and the Liquidators thereof that any person having any claim or interest by way of mortgage, charge, gift, lien, or otherwise in the said property or any part thereof by reason of the said title deeds or documents or any of them is hereby required to give notice thereof to the undersigned at their Office at the Central Bank Building, Esplanade Road, Fort, Bombay within 14 days from the date hereof, failing which no such claim shall be entertained. Any person firm or Corporation possessing or having custody of the said documents or any of them is hereby requested to hand the same over to the undersigned at the said office.

THE 1ST SCHEDULE ABOVE REFERRED TO.

All that piece or parcel of land or ground together with the messuages tenements or dwelling houses and other structures standing thereon situate, lying and being at the junction of Frere Road and Poona Street (on the Elphinstone Estate of the Trustees of the Port of Bombay) in the Island of Bombay in the Registration Sub-District of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 1344 4/9 sq. yds. or thereabouts and registered in the books of the Collector of Land Revenue under New Survey No. 3186 (part) and bearing Cadastral Survey No. 122 of Princess Dock Division, and bounded as follows that is to say, on or towards the North by Vacant land belonging to the Trustees of the Port of Bombay, on or towards the South by Poona Street, on or towards the East by Frere Road and on or towards the West by vacant land belonging to the said Trustees and which said premises are assessed by the Assessor and Collector of Municipal Rates and taxes under B Ward No. 4459, Street Nos. 36,38, 3A Frere Road, and Poona Street.

THE 2ND SCHEDULE ABOVE REFERRED TO

(1) Indenture of Lease dated 7th May 1907 from the Trustees of the Port of Bombay to James Connell.
(2) Assignment dated 29th September 1931 from Annie Moffat Connell to James Connell Ltd.

Dated this 7th day of February, 1945.

LITTLE & CO.,
Solicitors for the Vendor Company and the Liquidators. 2062

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the partnership subsisting between our clients ASSOCIATED SERVICES, LTD. and Mr. B. J. UTTAMSING doing business in the name of B. J. Uttamsing & Co. was DISSOLVED from 1st day of July, 1943 and whatever business the said Mr. B. J. Uttamsing has been doing since the said date is on his account and our clients Associated Services, Ltd. have no concern whatsoever with the same.

Dated this 6th day of February, 1945.

KHANDVALA & CHHOTALAL,
Attorneys for Associated Services Ltd. 2060

AUCTION SALES

SALE TO-DAY THURSDAY 8TH FEBRUARY 1945 at 3 P.M. AT THE SALE ROOM OF THE UNDERSIGNED.

The sale of SHOES by order of Mr. A. A. Khambati and on account and at the sole risk of Mr. Abdul Kayum Abdulhusein Shaerwalla will take place TO-DAY as previously advertised.

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